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ABOUT THE COVER:

Ms. Sarah Bicho of Belchertown submitted the artwork for this year's Annual Town Report.

Sarah is currently attending Belchertown High School (Class of 2005) and plans to attend either Rochester (New York) Institute of Technology or Wentworth Institute of Technology (Boston) and major in Interior Design.

She recently participated in the 2005 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards and was honored with the Silver Key Award. Congratulations Sarah!

Thank you to our men and women
in the Armed Forces,
whether serving here or abroad.

We appreciate your sacrifices.
We salute your courage.

"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of
rapid growth." George Washington

DEDICATION PAGE

DAVID E. BARRETT
1933 – 2004

A true "native son," Dave was a lifelong resident and a 1951 graduate of Belchertown High School where he was a star athlete in both basketball and baseball (the only sports offered back then!).

Dave worked for the town for 20 years, starting in what was then the Highway Department, later to become a division of the Department of Public Works. He retired in 1998 as the Superintendent of the Highway Division of the DPW. Known for his uncanny ability to keep the trucks running, there seemed to be no piece of equipment that he couldn't fix. In retirement, he applied those special skills to furniture restoration.

A member and longtime participant in the choir of the Congregational Church, he also belonged to the Vernon Lodge of Masons and was their organist for many years. As a dedicated member of the Belchertown Lions Club, he was honored by the bestowal of the Melvin Jones Award.

Those in the Maple Street neighborhood who grew up with Dave called him "PeeWee." Although perhaps somewhat short in feet and inches, Dave stood very tall in our community. After his passing, one of his BHS classmates described him as "the little guy who played so big." That was Dave – and that is the way that all who knew him will remember him.

ALBERT F. DEWHURST, Jr.
1921 – 2004

Born in Newburyport, Al Dewhurst moved to Belchertown as a young boy. Prior to retiring from Zero Manufacturing as a machinist, he had also worked at the Holland Farm here in town for many years. Al proudly served our country during WWII in the Army Air Corps, earning the Combat Infantryman Badge along with a Bronze Star.

Al was active in the life of our community in many ways. He was a dedicated member of the Fire Department for 33 years as well as a longtime member of the Hope United Methodist Church where he served in various capacities. Some will remember him for the nine years he spent as Sewer Commissioner, while more recent acquaintances may recall his lively participation in the Old Timers Band at the Senior Center where he was active in his retirement years.

In whichever of his varied roles Al is remembered, it will be as a caring friend and good citizen who helped to make Belchertown a better place for all of us.

JOHN F. MILNER
1921 – 2004

Originally from Holyoke, John made his home in Belchertown for much of his life. Following his employment as a weapons tester at Smith and Wesson, he owned John's Watch & Clock Shop in the center of town. Many a stopped timepiece ticked again after his skillful repair work!

John served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942-45 with the rank of Sound Man Second Class. He was a communicant of St. Francis Church and a member of the Belchertown Lions Club, Historical Association, and Democratic Town Committee.

Over the years he held several town positions including Constable, Associate Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and member of the Civil Defense Committee. He was also a Hampshire County Deputy Sheriff.

John is fondly remembered for his service and dedication to our community.

~ *In Memoriam* ~

John Anderson
Samuel Anderson
David Barrett.
Patricia Bassett
Scott Bovat
Marion Cabana
James Cabey, Sr.
Philip Carpenter
Dorothy Codraro
Daniele Costantini

Harris Crohn
Fiori D'Angelo
Albert Dewhurst, Jr.
Margaret Evans
William Ferenz
Darlene Fleming
Rita Fontaine
Margaret Girouard
Stephanie Golda
Arnold Hansen
Avis Hatfield
Donald Hillenbrand

Melanie Hodge
Eveline Horr
Edith Howe
Robert Joy
Johann Knapik
Julia Kopacz
Stanley Lachtara
Walter Lakota
Genevieve Lebida

Therese Leclerc
Jeffrey Lucey
Robert Lynch
Linda Mattison
Marion McLellan
Lawrence Mencer
Theodocia Mercier
Mary Mercier
John Milner
Felix Mosakewicz

Albert Nagine
Norma Newsome
Timothy Nicholson
Kevin O'Connor

Eunice Officer
Kathleen O'Neill
Brunetta Parent
Lewis Payton
Mary Platt
Donald Provost
Celia Pyfrom-Stephens
Harold Reed
Allen Roberts
Earline Robinson

Richard Rothwell
Hazel Safford
Frank Samborski
Dorothy Spencer
Anita Sulewski
Stanley Szydlowski
Melvin Terry
Rose Thibeault
Hazel Tilton
Adelaide Toomey
Leo Viens
Eva Belle Weston

2004 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Linda E. Barron	5/2005
Suzanne M. Bay	5/2005

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2007
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2006
Ann Austin Pratt	5/2005

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2005
Linda E. Barron	5/2006
Kenneth E. Elstein (elected 5/04)	5/2006
Bonnie R. Strickland (appt 10/4/04)	5/2005
Josph V. Ricco	5/2004

Board of Assessors

Samuel J. Joyal	5/2007
Michael P. Forgue	5/2006
Deborah M. Sammataro	5/2005

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2007
Gary R. Racicot	5/2007
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2006
Lisa Walter-Zucco	5/2005
Kenneth Nolan	5/2005

Housing Authority

James J. Gambaro	5/2006
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2005
Sally M. Dodge	5/2009
John Taras (appt 12/6/04)	5/2005
F.Knowlton Utley (State Mbr)	2/2007
Kenneth D. Nolan (resigned 7/12/04)	5/2008

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2005

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2008
Michael A.O'Connor	11/2006

Planning Board

Joe D. Gilman, Jr	5/2006
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2005
James J. Natle	5/2009
James A. Barry	5/2008
Elizabeth C.Chase	5/2007

School Committee

Mary Ellen O'Reilly Bracey	5/2007
Sharon D. Barnett	5/2006
Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/2006
Richard D. White	5/2005
Eric L. Weiss	5/2005

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2007
Steven D. Rose	5/2004
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2005
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2006
Linda E. Barron	5/2006
Alfred J. Roccanti (elected 5/04)	5/2007

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2006

2004 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon	6/30/07

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/05

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/07

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J, Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report

Director of Assessments (appointed by Board of Assessors)

John G. Whelihan	6/30/05

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/05

Civil Defense Deputy Director

Mark S. Brouillette	6/30/05

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Ronald R. Beaver	6/30/05

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass.Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock	10/15/04

Conservation Commission

Alfred P. Gallant, Jr. (resigned 8/23/04)	6/30/07
Edward T. Knight	6/30/07
David M. Haines	6/30/06
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/06
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/05
John M. Clements	6/30/06
Bruce A. Tolpa	6/30/05
Kurt I. Nelson	6/30/07
Patrick Lund, Associate	6/30/05
Jay Fitzgerald, Associate (appt 9/13/04)	6/30/05
Thomas Psyris, Associate (appt 9/13/04)	6/30/05

Constables

Andrew Sears	6/30/05

Council on Aging

(3/22/04 - members reduced from 11 to 9 effective 7/1/2004) (10/18/04-members reduced from 9 to 7, effective immediately)

William Kimball	6/30/06
Charlene Forgue	6/30/06
Marian Panto	6/30/06
Sally Dodge	6/30/05
Josephine Fitzgerald	6/30/05
Joan Poole	6/30/05
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/05
James R. Collard	6/30/04
Mildred Christenson	6/30/04
Doris M. Dickinson	6/30/04

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sharon Cady-Harrison	6/30/06
Ljuba Marsh	6/30/06
MaryEllen Miller	6/30/05
Martina Robinson	6/30/05
Melanie S. Lewis	6/30/05
Arose Nielsen	6/30/07
Joyce Harper	6/30/06
Sabrina Hamilton (appt 5/24/04)	6/30/07
Claire Baldwin (appt 5/24/04)	6/30/05
Katherine Fitzgerald	6/30/04

Dog Officer

Terri Hazzard	4/30/05

Assistant Dog Officer

Lianne Webster (resigned 7/12/04)	4/30/05
Wes Stevenson (appt 6/14/04)	4/30/05
Richard Marsh (appt 7/12/04)	4/30/05

Dog Pound Keeper

Katie Crutchfield (appt 7/12/04)
Laurie Latter (appt 7/12/04)

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Jonathan Spiegel At-Large Seat (appt 8/23/04)	6/30/07
William A. Terry Government Seat	6/30/07
Richard Kump Financial Seat (appt 8/23/04)	6/30/07
Kirk Stephens	6/30/06
Paul Anziano, Associate (resigned 2/13/04)	6/30/04
Lloyd C. Chadbourne-Low Income Seat	6/30/05
Richard Steiner-Real Estate Seat	6/30/05
Loy Harris-Industrial Seat	6/30/06
J. David Marley, Associate	6/30/04
Elizabeth Taras, Associate (resigned 7/12/04)	6/30/05
George Synan-Associate (appt 10/12/04)	6/30/05
Scott P. Allen, Associate	6/30/05
Mark Silver (appt 12/13/040	6/30/05
Woody Sherman (appt 12/13/04)	6/30/05
Peter S. Galuszka At-Large Seat	6/30/04
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick Financial Seat	6/30/04

EMS Operations Manager

Steven A. Syriac

EMS Department

David Conkey Call EMT-Intermediate	6/30/05
Bruce Jenks Call EMT-Basic	6/30/05
Thomas Majerowski Call EMT-Basic	6/30/05
Ryan Humason Call EMT-Basic	6/30/05
William Gray Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/04
Scott Kier Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Jonathan T. Smith Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Jaime Lubelczyk Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Carol Gagner Call EMT Basic	6/30/04
Edward Dalbeck Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Brina Fondi Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/05
Richard Blomstrom Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Stephen Kavanagh Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Wes Stevenson Call EMT- Basic	6/30/05
Wardell Cox Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05

Randy Barnes Call EMT-Basic	6/30/05
Edward Dalbeck Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/05
Scott Kozak, Call EMT (appt 6/28/04)	6/30/05
Benjamin Saunders Call EMT Basic (appt 7/26/04)	6/30/05
Cristina Welch, Call EMT (appt 10/4/04)	6/30/05
John Hawley Call EMT-Intermediate (appt 7/26/04)	6/30/04

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/05
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/05
Cindy Brown	6/30/05
Kevin Brown	6/30/05
Carla Chaisson	6/30/05
Kevin LaCroix	6/30/05
Peg Louraine	6/30/05
Mark Nute	6/30/05
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/05

Belchertown Family Center

Lucy Klein	6/30/07
Denise Daly (appt 1/20/04)	6/30/07
Angie Tauer (resigned 10/18/04)	6/30/06
Katherine J. Atkinson	6/30/06
Richard Poissant	6/30/05
Darlene Biskner (appt 12/13/04)	6/30/06

Finance Committee

Daniel P. Kloss	6/30/07
David A. Reed	6/30/05
Paul M. Silva	6/30/05
Themis Tsoumas	6/30/06
Steven Rose (appt 6/8/04)	6/30/07

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/05

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf Dir. Of Public Health	6/30/05
Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/05

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/05

Inspector of Animal

Gary Racicot	4/30/05

High School Building Committee

Douglas Albertson	Final Report
Eric Bernardin	Final Report
Edward J. Ciosek	Final Report
Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Gerald A. Grasso	Final Report
Simon James	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
Franklin D. Wenzel	Final Report
Richard White	Final Report

James Brown, Associate Mbr
David M. Sammataro, Associate
Melissa Michaud
Non Voting Adjunct Mbr
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr.
Non-voting member
Richard Pazasis, Ex-Officio

Historical Commission

Name	Office	Term Expires
Kenneth F. Kitchell, Jr.		6/30/04
Judith Fuller Gillan Resigned as full Mbr. 9/7/04. Appt Associate Mbr 9/7/04		6/30/05
Leslie Squires		6/30/05
Loy Harris – Associate Mbr		6/30/05
Bonnie Strickland		6/30/05
Ethel M. Brunson		6/30/05
F. Knowlton Utley		6/30/06
Genevieve G. Schreiber		6/30/06
Patricia A. Lalli (appt 9/20/04)		6/30/07
Janey M. Cope (appt 9/20/04)		6/30/07

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Jacqueline Dupre		6/30/07
Annie M. Steiner		6/30/06
Stacy M. Race		6/30/05
Beth A. Behn (resigned 6/22/04)		6/30/05
Peter Roberts – Realtor Seat (appt 3/1/04)		6/30/05
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect Seat (appr 3/1/04)		6/30/06
Christine Harper – Associate Mbr (appt 3/1/04)		6/30/05
Rob Condon-Associate Mbr (appt 9/20/04)		6/30/05
Rob Condon (appt 12/13/04)		6/30/04
Thomas Psyris-Associate Mbr (appt 9/20/04)		6/30/05

Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA)

David Barszcz	Real Estate Seat	6/30/06
Paul Dansereau	Financial Seat	6/30/05
Steven Rose	At Large Seat	6/30/04
Barry Crosby	At Large Seat	6/30/04

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima		6/30/05

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry		6/30/05

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Name	Office	Term Expires
David Fredenburgh, Jr.		6/30/05

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard		6/30/05

Inspector of Wiring

Paul Choiniere		6/30/05

Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae		6/30/05

Personnel Board

Maureen A. Wildey		6/30/07
Julie W.Peck		6/30/07
M. Florine Neggers		6/30/06
Kathleen Monast (appt 5/25/04)		6/30/06
David C. Kuzmeski		6/30/05

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – AlternateVoting Member for Special Permits

George Synan		7/24/05

Planning Board – Associate Member

Joann J. Shimkin
(appt 10/26/04)
Brenda L. Carron-Lang
(appt 10/26/04)
William Gubb (appt 11/9/04)

Police Candidate Review Committee

Appointed 11/29/2004

James Phaneuf		Final Report
Bonnie Strickland		Final Report
Reverand Emanuel Haqq		Final Report
Jack Drawec		Final Report
Diane Smith		Final Report

Name Office Term Expires

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.	12/31/05

Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/05

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Bruce Jenks	6/30/05
David Conkey	6/30/05
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/05

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/05
Sean Bracey	6/30/05
Edward H. Oey	6/30/05
William A. Panto	6/30/05
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/05
James Daniels	6/30/05.
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/05
Valerie Cote	6/30/05
Adam Brougham	6/30/05
Neil Lozier	6/30/05
John Raymer	6/30/05
Jason Krol	6/30/05

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

John Bonafini	6/30/05
James Taylor	6/30/05
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/05
Steven W. Henn, Jr.	6/30/05
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/05
Winthrop Kellog	6/30/05
Susan Dawley	6/30/05
Sean Hamel	6/30/04
Linnea Lavoie-Bernard	6/30/05
Dennis M. Fitzgerald	6/30/05
Michael T. Roney, Jr. (appt 5/3/04)	6/30/05

Name Office Term Expires

Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham	
Jill Besancon, Assistant	

Public Weigher

Joseph W. Tolpa, Jr.	6/30/04

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams	

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/05
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/05
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/05

PVTA Advisory Board

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/05

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Daniel R. Beaudette	
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/05

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program (Belchertown Representative)

Gregory Galanek	6/30/05

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Rationing Board

David H. Squires	6/30/07
Richard F. Dzialo	6/30/06
Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/05

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Recreation Commission

(name change from committee-ATM 5/10/04)

Kathleen W. Scruton	6/30/07
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski	6/30/07
Thomas P. Kubacki	6/30/07
William Edlridge	6/30/06
Rebecca A. Smith	6/30/06
Robert L.Chartier	6/30/05
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/05
Chris Daley, Associate	6/30/05
Karen Schiffer, Associate	6/30/05

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory) Regional Economic Development Commission – Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Registrars of Voters

Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/07
M.Florine Neggers	3/31/06
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/05
William R. Barnett	6/30/06

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury Belchertown High School	6/30/05
Richard M. Sinkoski Pathfinder	3/31/04

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	6/30/05

Deputy Clerk

John D. Burns (appt 9/7/04)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct A

Elizabeth Leger (Warden)	6/30/05
George Harrell (Clerk)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden)	6/30/05
Jeane D. Paradise (Clerk)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)	6/30/05
Kenneth W. Rhodes (Clerk)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	6/30/05
Clair E. Partridge (Clerk)	6/30/05

Rent Control Board

Steven Syriac	6/30/06
Helen Plant (resigned 12/6/04)	6/30/05
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/07
Simon James (appt 9/7/04)	6/30/09
Terri L. Hazzard (appt 10/18/04)	6/30/05
Mitchell Vincent	6/30/04

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee
(all appointed 2/17/2004)

Richard Pazasis	6/30/04
Michael O'Connor	6/30/04
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/04
Keith Poulin	6/30/04
Simon R. James (at large mbr)	6/30/04
Theresa Glanville (at large mbr)	6/30/04
Sharon Barnett (appt 3/1/04)	6/30/04

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/05

Senior Center Building Committee

Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka	Final Report

Skate Park Committee

Guy Savoie – Associate Mbr	6/30/04
Jason Chagnon	6/30/06
Christine Shaw	6/30/06
Debra Grudgen (resigned 6/28/04)	6/30/05
Robin Marion	6/30/04
Steven Syriac	6/30/05

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
MaryJane Lemire, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/05

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Ron Akins (appt 2/9/04)	6/30/05
Darrell Weldon (appt 11/22/04)	6/30/05
Frank Lomanno	6/30/05
Lew Louraine	6/30/05
James Burke	6/30/05
Christopher deHahn	6/30/05
Nick O'Connor	6/30/05
Arthur L. Dunbar (resigned 4/20/04)	6/30/04
James P. Kearney (resigned 1/20/04)	6/30/04
Andrew J. Katafiasz (resigned 8/23/04)	6/30/05

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/05

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/07

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane Wolfe	6/30/05

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/05

Name **Office** **Term Expires**

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/05

Veterans Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/05

Assistant Veterans Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/05

Veterans Services Agent

Robert C. Messier	6/30/05

Veterans Burial Agent

Robert C. Messier

War Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/07
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/05
Edward T. Knight	6/30/06
F. Thomas Keefe	6/30/06
Leo Beauchemin	6/30/06
Peter G. Thorpe	6/30/05
Susan Gay, Associate Member	6/30/05
Kelly Slate, Associate Member	6/30/05

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard G. Barry	6/30/07
Diane Loftus Mas	6/30/06
Raymond G. Goff	6/30/05

Name **Office** **Term Expires**

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/05
Bernadette Harrigan (appt 2/2/04)	6/30/05
Patricia M. LaFore	6/30/05

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/05

Board of Selectmen

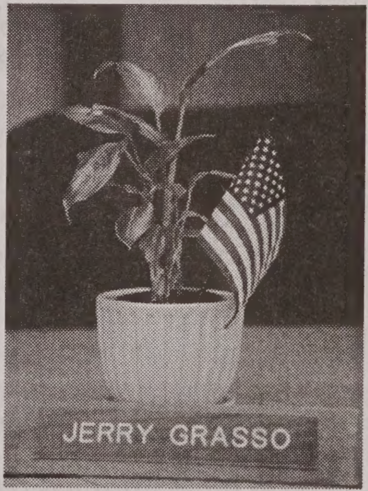
Front (left to right): Michael Reardon, Linda Barron
Rear (left to right): Ronald Aponte, Alfred Roccanti

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Over the past year the Board of Selectmen have gone through a few changes in its membership as well as its internal organization. In May of 2004, the Board of Selectmen said goodbye to our friend and colleague, Selectman Steven Rose, after he decided not to seek re-election to a 3rd term. During his six years in office, Mr. Rose served the community with distinction and honor. As a result of Mr. Rose's decision not to seek re-election, the May 2004 Annual Town Election again had a four-way race for the Board of Selectmen. Michael Reardon was re-elected to a 3rd term while the Board welcomed new Selectman Alfred Roccanti.

After the Annual Town Elections the Board of Selectmen reorganized, naming Mr. Grasso as Chairman, Mr. Reardon as Vice Chairman, and Ronald Aponte as Clerk. However, this change was to be only short-lived. Mr. Grasso was notified in June of 2004 that his National Guard Unit had been activated and was expected to remain activated for at least one year. As a result of this unexpected news, the Board had to once again reorganize, and Mr. Reardon was appointed Chairman and Mr. Aponte took on the role of both Acting Vice Chairman and Clerk. The Liaison responsibilities were also divided among Board members as follows: General Government and EDIC, Mr. Aponte; Public Safety and Schools, Ms. Linda Barron; Public Works, Mr. Reardon; and Recreation and Environmental, Mr. Roccanti.

The Board was now also faced with the loss of Mr. Grasso for at least one year and operating the Board with four members instead of the usual five. Throughout the year the Board was faced with many challenging and potentially divisive issues that required long discussion and compromise. As a result of the Board's effort to work together, the Board had only two votes that resulted in a 2-2 tie and one of those votes was later voted by a majority vote.



It is with regret that the Board of Selectmen does not have any rosy picture to paint regarding our town's financial state. Over this past year the Board of Selectmen's primary focus has been how to best serve our expanding community with reduced finances. Due to the severe economic downturn in this state, Belchertown has lost over $1.5 million a year for the past three years in State Aid. Along with the serious reductions in State Aid, the Town has had to deal with severe increases in fuel and energy cost, which in the past few years has risen almost 70%. Increases in the Town's liability insurance, as well as employee health insurance has also contributed to our current financial crisis. This loss of revenue has resulted in multiple reductions in town services, inability to maintain or replace outdated equipment and the loss of staff positions in our schools. In order to prevent layoffs of our town employees, or close existing programs and services the board was forced to recommend to the Annual Town Meeting to reduce employees work hours by as much as 2½ hours a week. The Board also reduced Town Hall office hours by the same amount of hours. In addition the financial outlook for FY 2006 is not much brighter. As we enter the budget cycle for 2006, we are looking at ways to best manage over a $1 million dollar budget gap. We will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to squeeze a nickel out of every penny we spend. However, it is important to recognize each of our town employees for their efforts to do much more with much less.

On the more positive side of things, the Town has finally completed our Tri-Lakes Sewer expansion project that has been under construction the past few years. With the Tri-Lakes Sewer expansion the Town will be able to provide sewer services for up to 500 additional customers, while protecting the sensitive environment around the lakes region.

Over the past year the Board of Selectmen has also endorsed a grant to help defray the costs of purchasing an additional 52 acres of land around the Topping Farm property. This land is adjacent to the Daigle Well, which is a vital resource area to our town's water supply, as well as other area towns.

On the business front, Belchertown continues to make strides at becoming a business friendly community, as demonstrated by the opening of several new banks and other businesses. The Board of Selectmen endorsed the passage of our third Tax Incremental Financing agreements (TIF) to Hulmes Transportation, which will begin expanding its business on the grounds of the former Belchertown State School property and will be constructing a new building on that site. Each one of these new businesses, as well as the exiting businesses wishing to expand will bring additional employment opportunities to the citizens of Belchertown and most importantly the desperately needed tax revenues we need to address our financial shortfalls.

On the good news bad news front, Belchertown's tax rate fell for the fifth consecutive year from a high of $18.98 per thousand dollars of valuation in FY 01 to $15.11 per thousand dollars of valuation in FY 05, or a reduction of just over 20%. However, this rate reduction did not result in the reduction of people's property taxes. During that same period of time the average property tax rose from $2,614.00 a year in FY 01 to $3,186.00 for FY 05, or an increase of slightly under 22%.

Our town continues to be an extremely active community for people wishing to raise their family. New housing start-ups have remained high but level for the past several years, at approximately 95 new single-family homes per year. Most of these new homes have come with a high dollar value (over $325,000), leaving many moderate to low-income families out of the Belchertown housing market. However, this past year a few well deserving moderate to low income families were finally able to realize their "Great American Dream" of home ownership at Cold Springs Commons. A Grand Opening Celebration was held late last summer where many local officials attended to greet our new neighbors. There will need to be a continued effort on the part of town officials to seek out opportunities and endorse efforts to create more affordable housing for the many other well deserving moderate to low income families wishing contribute to the overall success of Belchertown, as well as realize their own "Great American Dream."

Over the next year the Board will need to address the need to evaluate the effectiveness of our current form of town government. There will be a great need for citizens of varying opinions to come together to explore, evaluate and to make recommendations as to how we can improve town government.

Over the next year the Board will remain committed to continue working with our other town committees in an effort to find common ground for resolving the many issues the town is faces currently and into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Reardon, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, is responsible for the day-to-day operation of our Town government. This includes but is not limited to annual budget preparation by departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, personnel administration, purchasing, grant administration, budget oversight, affirmative action and any other duties the Selectmen may assign.

As I enter my eighth year in this capacity, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to all of those individuals who give so generously to make Belchertown the great community it is. Operating a municipality of this significance is a monumental task, requiring the labor and ingenuity of many talented employees, volunteers, and elected and appointed officials. Therefore, a great big thank you to everyone. Together we continue to make it happen.

Although we have accomplished a great deal since our last report, I would like to call special attention to the successful restoration of Belchertown's Civil War Monument on our Town Common. "Sam" as the piece is locally known, has been on duty in that exact location for approximately 120 years. Constructed primarily of zinc, the entire monument was subject to the harsh elements of New England weather; consequently, its surfaces and structure were damaged to the point of near collapse. Sam would not survive another year without assistance, and as we have witnessed so many times before, Belchertown rallied around this project and brought Sam back to life. A Town Meeting appropriation, generous donations from area businesses and residents in conjunction with the fundraising efforts of local residents, Gloria Fortunato and Ed Knight, were all contributory in rehabilitating this significant piece of Belchertown's history.

Another recent accomplishment is the completion of the Tri-Lakes Sewer Project. First discussed nearly 20 years ago, this infrastructure will provide municipal sewer access to approximately 400 existing homes in addition to future development within the region. Projects of this magnitude require a significant amount of administrative oversight but account for only a small percentage of our actual workload. On a continual basis, this office is in contact with all local department officials, boards and committee members and local residents. The vigorous growth of our community requires non-stop interaction in the planning, review and execution of new construction.

Once a typical New England farm community supporting a network of family-owned apple orchards, dairy and poultry farms, Belchertown has transformed into one of the fastest growing communities in Western Massachusetts. While I personally feel desirable growth is healthy for any municipality, our vigorous growth has placed significant new demands on our local services. Increased demands on services, in conjunction with reduced state aid, has challenged the most capable department managers, Selectmen and Finance Committee to a new dimension. It is for this reason your local officials continue to be proactive and encourage new business locations in Belchertown. This posture is evidenced by the recent establishment of several new banks, expanded manufacturing facilities and anticipated groundbreaking of several new business locations in the spring of 2005. As your Town Administrator, we will continue to seek desirable growth for Belchertown, maintain core services and improve where necessary.

In closing, I would again like to thank all those dedicated individuals who give so generously of themselves to make Belchertown the special community we all call home.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during his or her term. The Board of Selectmen, other Town officers or other Boards do not govern the Committee.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory board to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund.

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews Warrant Articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting. For Fiscal Year 2005, the Reserve Fund was funded at $30,000.

For Fiscal Year 2005 (July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005) the Town's total operational budget has increased by approximately $1,499,000 (4.35%) as compared to Fiscal Year 2004 appropriations. Of this amount, only $684,000 was attributable to actual operating expenses of individual departments while the remaining $815,000 came as the result of increased Mandatory Charges assessed against the Town primarily by the State of Massachusetts. The majority of the increase in budgeted expenses arose from the education budget $503,000, Sanitation and Environmental budget $284,000 and Pensions and Insurance expense $290,000. There was, however, a $480,000 reduction in Interest and Maturing Debt expense.

As was stated in the 2003 Report, due to the budget constraints at both the State and Town level, spending for the foreseeable future must be limited to "necessary priorities" for the Town of Belchertown.

In order to put forth a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2005, $300,000 was used from the Stabilization Fund. Consequently, the balance in the Stabilization Fund stood at approximately $314,000 on December 31, 2004. A verbal commitment to restore the Stabilization Fund following certification of Free Cash was made at the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting and this commitment is anticipated to be fulfilled at a Special Town Meeting in January 2005.

The Finance Committee is committed to act responsibly and examine each request made in the Department budgets, which comprise the overall operating budget for the Town. We are also committed to advising the Town Meeting on any capital appropriation in a manner that has reviewed factors including cost efficiency, cost savings and increased service, which will benefit the residents of Belchertown. We are in a position of working collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee during the annual budget process and as needs arise during the fiscal year with the common goal of providing quality services and maintaining prudent financial decision-making. It is with these things in mind that the Finance Committee exercises its responsibly to advise Town Meeting on matters which impact the amount of tax dollars paid by the residents and homeowners of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee
David Reed, Chairman
Daniel Kloss, Vice Chairman
Themis Tsoumas, Clerk
Paul Silva
Steven Rose

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2004

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	2,534,387.78	1,235,211.14	727,385.95	112,505.62	162,778.67	1,733,977.89		6,506,247.05
Petty Cash Advance		7,196.00						7,196.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	470,999.54							470,999.54
Property Taxes of 2005	7,737,068.04							7,737,068.04
Chapter 61	48,323.82							48,323.82
Excise Taxes	227,891.56							227,891.56
Tax Liens	965,315.19			6,802.70				972,117.89
Special Assessments	177,096.39							177,096.39
Departmental	250,941.73			199,125.24				450,066.97
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(307,803.66)							(307,803.66)
Tax Foreclosures	20,172.98							20,172.98
Lieu Taxes	16,919.93							16,919.93
Due From Other Governments	65,637.88	259,597.23	1,490,185.38					1,815,420.49
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	1,000,000.00		567,000.00					1,567,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							50,900,637.18	50,900,637.18
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							227,833.76	227,833.76
Total Assets	13,206,951.18	1,502,004.37	2,784,571.33	318,433.56	162,778.67	1,733,977.89	51,128,470.94	70,837,187.94

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2004

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	413,887.78	54,540.91	72,776.66	24,138.07	7,020.41	3,867.34		576,231.17
Employee Withholdings	450,571.31	2,350.00						452,921.31
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	7,800,263.92							7,800,263.92
Chapter 61	48,323.82							48,323.82
Excise Taxes	227,891.56							227,891.56
Tax Liens	965,315.19			6,802.70				972,117.89
Special Assessments	177,096.39							177,096.39
Lieu Taxes	16,919.93							16,919.93
Departmental	250,941.73			199,125.24				450,066.97
Tax Foreclosures	20,172.98							20,172.98
Government Receivable	65,637.88	259,597.23	1,490,185.38					1,815,420.49
Grant Receivable								0.00
Grant Anticipation Notes Payable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	1,000,000.00		567,000.00					1,567,000.00
Unclaimed Checks	11,518.93							11,518.93
Bond Indebtedness							50,900,637.18	50,900,637.18
Compensated Absences							227,833.76	227,833.76
Total Liabilities	11,448,541.42	316,488.14	2,129,962.04	230,066.01	7,020.41	3,867.34	51,128,470.94	65,264,416.30
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	773,387.23							773,387.23
Reserve for Expenditures				56,733.00	95,512.00			152,245.00
Fund Bal. Designated for Over/Under								0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	985,022.53							985,022.53
Reserved Fund Balance		1,143,652.71	654,609.29	31,634.55	60,246.26	1,730,110.55		3,620,253.36
Title V Septic System Loan		41,863.52						41,863.52
Total Fund Equity	1,758,409.76	1,185,516.23	654,609.29	88,367.55	155,758.26	1,730,110.55	0.00	5,572,771.64
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	13,206,951.18	1,502,004.37	2,784,571.33	318,433.56	162,778.67	1,733,977.89	51,128,470.94	70,837,187.94

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

ASSETS		
Cash		2,534,387.78
Petty Cash Advance		0.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	470,999.54	
Property Taxes of 2005	7,737,068.04	
Chapter 61	48,323.82	
Excise Taxes	227,891.56	
Tax Liens	965,315.19	
Special Assessments	177,096.39	
Lieu Taxes	16,919.93	
Departmental	250,941.73	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	65,637.88	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(307,803.66)	
		9,652,390.42
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		1,000,000.00
Tax Foreclosure		20,172.98
Total Assets		13,206,951.18
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		413,887.78
Employee Withholdings		450,571.31
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	7,800,263.92	
Chapter 61	48,323.82	
Excise Taxes	227,891.56	
Tax Liens	965,315.19	
Special Assessments	177,096.39	
Lieu Taxes	16,919.93	
Departmental	250,941.73	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	65,637.88	
Tax Foreclosures	20,172.98	
		9,572,563.40
BANS Payable		1,000,000.00
Unclaimed Checks		11,518.93
Total Liabilities		11,448,541.42
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		0.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		773,387.23
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under		0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		985,022.53
Total Fund Equity		1,758,409.76
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		13,206,951.18

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

		GRANTS			School			Totals
	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	(Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	(16,625.40)	26,455.03	100,811.57	78,089.84	85,403.38	726,772.93	234,303.79	1,235,211.14
Petty Cash Advance						7,196.00		7,196.00
Due From Commonwealth	197,179.18							197,179.18
Amount to be Provided-Notes Payable								0.00
Due from Federal Government		62,415.05				3.00		62,418.05
Total Assets	180,553.78	88,870.08	100,811.57	78,089.84	85,403.38	733,971.93	234,303.79	1,502,004.37
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable		17,426.09	2,888.91	3,923.48	1,214.21	23,918.84	5,169.38	54,540.91
Deferred Revenue - Gov't Receivable	197,179.18	62,415.05				3.00		259,597.23
Employee Withholdings							2,350.00	2,350.00
Grant Anticipation Note								0.00
Deferred Revenue - Grant Receivable								0.00
Total Liabilities	197,179.18	79,841.14	2,888.91	3,923.48	1,214.21	23,921.84	7,519.38	316,488.14
Fund Equity:								
Desig. for Subsequent Years Expense	(16,625.40)	9,028.94	97,922.66	74,166.36	84,189.17	668,186.57	226,784.41	1,143,652.71
Title V Septic System Loan						41,863.52		41,863.52
Total Fund Equity	(16,625.40)	9,028.94	97,922.66	74,166.36	84,189.17	710,050.09	226,784.41	1,185,516.23
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	180,553.78	88,870.08	100,811.57	78,089.84	85,403.38	733,971.93	234,303.79	1,502,004.37

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

	High School	Police Station Sr. Center	Fire Station	WWTP Upgrade PVP/Tri-Lakes	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS						
Cash	435,530.03	25,750.91	822.94	252,558.77	12,723.30	727,385.95
WPAT Receivable				1,490,185.38		1,490,185.38
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable				0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.				567,000.00		567,000.00
Total Assets	435,530.03	25,750.91	822.94	2,309,744.15	12,723.30	2,784,571.33
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	18,027.78		436.16	54,312.72		72,776.66
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble				1,490,185.38		1,490,185.38
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant				0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note				567,000.00		567,000.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payabl				0.00		0.00
Total Liabilities	18,027.78	0.00	436.16	2,111,498.10	0.00	2,129,962.04
Fund Equity:						
Reserved Fund Balance	417,502.25	25,750.91	386.78	198,246.05	12,723.30	654,609.29
Total Fund Equity	417,502.25	25,750.91	386.78	198,246.05	12,723.30	654,609.29
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	435,530.03	25,750.91	822.94	2,309,744.15	12,723.30	2,784,571.33

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

ASSETS		
Cash		112,505.62
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	1,024.11	
Sewer User Fees	199,125.24	
Due from Tax Liens - Sewer	5,778.59	
		205,927.94
Total Assets		318,433.56
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		24,138.07
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	1,024.11	
Sewer User Fees	199,125.24	
Tax Liens - Sewer	5,778.59	
		205,927.94
Total Liabilities		230,066.01
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		56,733.00
Retained Earnings		31,634.55
Total Fund Equity		88,367.55
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		318,433.56

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

ASSETS	
Cash	162,778.67
Total Assets	162,778.67
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	7,020.41
Total Liabilities	7,020.41
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	95,512.00
Retained Earnings	60,246.26
Total Fund Equity	155,758.26
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	162,778.67

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

ASSETS	
Cash	983,270.95
Total Assets	983,270.95
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	3,867.34
Total Liabilities	3,867.34
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	979,403.61
Total Fund Equity	979,403.61
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	983,270.95

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

ASSETS	
Cash	750,706.94
Total Assets	750,706.94
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	750,706.94
Total Fund Balance	750,706.94
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	750,706.94

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2004

	SPED Loan of 2001	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	School Construction Loan-'92	Elementary School Loan '96	Sewer G. Hannum MWPAT	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rd MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	FmHA USDA Pine Valley Springfield Rd	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																		
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	64,000.00	29,110,000.00	309,000.00	0.00	5,865,000.00	0.00	6,773,200.00	428,368.00	510,117.00	1,079,578.00	38,925.00	65,788.18	770,000.00	1,884,501.00	4,002,160.00			50,900,637.18
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence																57,245.17	170,588.59	227,833.76
Total Assets	64,000.00	29,110,000.00	309,000.00	0.00	5,865,000.00	0.00	6,773,200.00	428,368.00	510,117.00	1,079,578.00	38,925.00	65,788.18	770,000.00	1,884,501.00	4,002,160.00	57,245.17	170,588.59	51,128,470.94
LIABILITIES																		
Bond Indebtedness	64,000.00	29,110,000.00	309,000.00	0.00	5,865,000.00	0.00	6,773,200.00	428,368.00	510,117.00	1,079,578.00	38,925.00	65,788.18	770,000.00	1,884,501.00	4,002,160.00			50,900,637.18
Compensated Absences																57,245.17	170,588.59	227,833.76
Total Liabilities	64,000.00	29,110,000.00	309,000.00	0.00	5,865,000.00	0.00	6,773,200.00	428,368.00	510,117.00	1,079,578.00	38,925.00	65,788.18	770,000.00	1,884,501.00	4,002,160.00	57,245.17	170,588.59	51,128,470.94

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	14,964,552.89						14,964,552.89
State Receipts	13,246,606.38						13,246,606.38
Excise Taxes	1,426,596.51						1,426,596.51
Tax Liens	302,866.20						302,866.20
Lieu Taxes	189,099.73						189,099.73
Licenses & Permits	226,374.58						226,374.58
Special Assessments	29,476.47						29,476.47
Interest	325,804.18	2,118.45		5,921.66		47,084.56	380,928.85
Fines & Forfeits	82,257.62						82,257.62
Departmental Revenue	321,808.97	1,952,691.84		630,538.34	220,018.80	730.34	3,125,788.29
Fees	87,469.90						87,469.90
Rentals	54,139.95						54,139.95
Umass Transit	30,794.00						30,794.00
Other Miscellaneous	61,249.60	337,043.47					398,293.07
Grants		2,171,787.15					2,171,787.15
Performance Guarantees		1,925.00					1,925.00
Gifts		90,802.04					90,802.04
Temporary Loans	1,000,000.00		567,000.00				1,567,000.00
MWPAT			4,145,151.48				4,145,151.48
USDA Grant			64,614.00				64,614.00
Bond Proceeds							0.00
Total Revenues	32,349,096.98	4,556,367.95	4,776,765.48	636,460.00	220,018.80	47,814.90	42,586,524.11
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,236,612.04	67,840.77					1,304,452.81
Protection of Persons & Property	2,019,207.18	225,630.72					2,244,837.90
Education	18,938,743.93	3,599,926.49					22,538,670.42
Public Works	1,450,944.18	331,055.21		482,846.16	259,502.95	12,444.15	2,536,792.65
Human Services	486,984.81	200,384.31				5,375.96	692,745.08
Culture & Recreation	557,782.09	282,727.00					840,509.09

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	2,228,046.43						2,228,046.43
Debt & Interest	4,544,297.66			483,984.40			5,028,282.06
State Assessments	519,632.00						519,632.00
Prior Year Expenditures	117,687.74						117,687.74
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			4,495,495.53				4,495,495.53
Equipment			274,495.19				274,495.19
Return of Unexpended Funds			0.00				0.00
Temporary Loan			567,000.00				567,000.00
Total Expenditures	32,099,938.06	4,707,564.50	5,336,990.72	966,830.56	259,502.95	17,820.11	43,388,646.90
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	249,158.92	(151,196.55)	(560,225.24)	(330,370.56)	(39,484.15)	29,994.79	(802,122.79)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	1,078,181.65	0.00	0.00	218,737.00	22,742.00	458,423.00	1,778,083.65
Operating Transfers Out	699,902.00	255,007.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	823,174.00	1,778,083.65
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	378,279.65	(255,007.65)	0.00	218,737.00	22,742.00	(364,751.00)	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	627,438.57	(406,204.20)	(560,225.24)	(111,633.56)	(16,742.15)	(334,756.21)	(802,122.79)
Audit Adjustment	(5,714.28)	5,223.70		490.58			0.00
Fund Balance 7-1-03	1,136,685.47	1,581,650.73	1,214,834.53	199,510.53	172,500.41	1,314,159.82	5,619,341.49
Fund Balance 6-30-04	1,758,409.76	1,180,670.23	654,609.29	88,367.55	155,758.26	979,403.61	4,817,218.70

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Taxes	14,940,896.55		14,964,552.89	23,656.34
State Receipts	13,219,929.00		13,246,606.38	26,677.38
Excise Taxes	1,356,500.00		1,426,596.51	70,096.51
Tax Liens	0.00		302,866.20	302,866.20
Lieu Taxes	196,000.00		189,099.73	(6,900.27)
Licenses & Permits	175,000.00		226,374.58	51,374.58
Special Assessments	37,500.00		29,476.47	(8,023.53)
Interest	420,000.00		325,804.18	(94,195.82)
Fines & Forfeits	55,000.00		82,257.62	27,257.62
Departmental Revenue	270,000.00		321,808.97	51,808.97
Fees	75,000.00		87,469.90	12,469.90
Rentals	60,000.00		54,139.95	(5,860.05)
Umass Transit	35,000.00		30,794.00	(4,206.00)
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00		61,249.60	61,249.60
Temporary Loans	0.00		1,000,000.00	1,000,000.00
Total Revenues	30,840,825.55	0.00	32,349,096.98	1,508,271.43
Expenditures:				
General Government	1,299,297.20	(26,661.87)	1,236,612.04	36,023.29
Protection of Persons & Property	2,082,923.26	4,315.00	2,019,207.18	68,031.08
Education	18,945,920.00		18,938,743.93	7,176.07
Public Works	1,470,165.60	(3,085.13)	1,450,944.18	16,136.29
Human Services	501,064.35	13,207.00	486,984.81	27,286.54
Culture & Recreation	568,035.00	(2,000.00)	557,782.09	8,252.91
Insurance & Unclassified	2,949,846.14	3,925.00	2,228,046.43	725,724.71
Debt & Interest	4,547,864.00	(3,400.00)	4,544,297.66	166.34
State Assessments	438,885.00		519,632.00	(80,747.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	164,860.93	(37,200.00)	117,687.74	9,973.19
Total Expenditures	32,968,861.48	(50,900.00)	32,099,938.06	818,023.42
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			249,158.92	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating Transfers In	2,103,074.00	0.00	1,078,181.65	
Operating Transfers Out	1,136,087.00	0.00	699,902.00	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	966,987.00	0.00	378,279.65	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses			627,438.57	
Audit Adjustments			(5,714.28)	
Fund Balance 7/1/03			1,136,685.47	
Fund Balance 6/30/04			1,758,409.76	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY05
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
Moderator	$25.00		$25.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$18,916.00		$18,598.76	$317.24	
Town Administrator	$152,712.00		$152,667.80	$44.20	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,550.00		$1,532.88	$17.12	
Finance Committee	$250.00		$175.00	$75.00	
Reserve Fund	$30,000.00	($29,696.87)	$0.00	$303.13	
Town Accountant	$134,607.00		$133,374.25	$1,232.75	
MIS Director	$220,869.00	($1,463.00)	$216,938.56	$2,467.44	
Assessors	$222,648.00		$219,030.57	$3,617.43	$1,200.00
Treasurer/Collector	$194,532.00	$4,380.00	$198,305.42	$606.58	
Law Account	$81,300.00		$62,764.79	$18,535.21	
Town Clerk	$77,760.00	$118.00	$77,635.54	$242.46	$231.00
Election & Registration	$19,385.00		$16,998.34	$2,386.66	
Conservation Commission	$57,184.00		$56,268.12	$915.88	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,945.20		$1,945.20	$0.00	
Planning Board	$78,299.00		$75,137.31	$3,161.69	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00		$2,129.21	$565.79	
EDIC	$420.00		$266.29	$153.71	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$200.00		$0.00	$200.00	
rinting Town Report	$4,000.00		$2,819.00	$1,181.00	
	$1,299,297.20	($26,661.87)	$1,236,612.04	$36,023.29	$1,431.00
ROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY					
olice Department	$1,290,229.00		$1,250,497.07	$39,731.93	$25,290.37
ire Department	$249,915.00		$241,746.31	$8,168.69	
ydrant Service	$22,115.00		$20,514.40	$1,600.60	
MS	$385,043.26	($1,135.00)	$380,638.67	$3,269.59	$1,588.81
njured on Duty	$10,000.00		$145.00	$9,855.00	
nspection Services	$105,155.00		$100,982.82	$4,172.18	
ivil Defense	$1,520.00		$1,312.52	$207.48	
og Officer	$18,946.00	$5,450.00	$23,370.39	$1,025.61	
	$2,082,923.26	$4,315.00	$2,019,207.18	$68,031.08	$26,879.18
DUCATION					
own Schools	$17,997,277.00	$4,800.00	$17,990,100.93	$11,976.07	$11,976.07
egional School	$948,643.00		$948,643.00	$0.00	
	$18,945,920.00	$4,800.00	$18,938,743.93	$11,976.07	$11,976.07

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY05
PUBLIC WORKS					
Personal Services	$516,870.60	$4,527.27	$518,841.21	$2,556.66	
Professional Engineering	$5,400.00		$5,384.53	$15.47	
Administration	$4,175.00	$400.00	$4,563.38	$11.62	
Snow & Ice Control	$160,050.00	$23,186.12	$183,131.38	$104.74	
Street Lighting	$29,300.00		$28,114.71	$1,185.29	
Road Machinery	$62,200.00	$11,666.12	$73,836.53	$29.59	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$67,300.00		$66,699.24	$600.76	
Town Garage	$16,090.00	$4,348.75	$20,332.35	$106.40	
Hired Services	$72,328.00	($8,352.00)	$63,842.33	$133.67	
Maintenance/Grounds	$293,331.00	($13,400.00)	$271,026.03	$8,904.97	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$35,890.00	$3,784.00	$39,447.00	$227.00	
Finnerty House	$9,580.00		$9,288.79	$291.21	
EMS Building	$8,650.00	($600.00)	$7,985.23	$64.77	
Police Station	$33,680.00	$1,500.00	$34,948.89	$231.11	
Senior Center Building	$35,738.00	$1,000.00	$36,552.50	$185.50	
Recreation Building	$15,210.00	$1,000.00	$15,766.46	$443.54	
Freedom Center	$11,340.00	$3,000.00	$14,035.67	$304.33	
Franklin School Building	$1,000.00	($500.00)	$344.00	$156.00	
Meadow Building	$9,000.00	($6,282.00)	$2,328.25	$389.75	
Fire Station	$19,150.00	$2,200.00	$21,166.96	$183.04	
Old Town Hall	$5,034.00	$650.00	$5,644.59	$39.41	
Town Common	$3,200.00	($2,000.00)	$504.46	$695.54	
Town Clock	$600.00		$600.00	$0.00	
Civil War Monument	$25,000.00		$0.00	$25,000.00	$25,000.00
Cemetery Department	$30,049.00		$26,559.69	$3,489.31	
	$1,470,165.60	$26,128.26	$1,450,944.18	$45,349.68	$25,000.00
HUMAN SERVICES					
Board of Health	$22,640.00		$9,816.20	$12,823.80	
Quabbin Health District	$101,052.35		$101,052.36	($0.01)	
Council on Aging	$298,617.00		$284,547.97	$14,069.03	
Veterans' Services	$78,755.00	$13,207.00	$91,568.28	$393.72	
	$501,064.35	$13,207.00	$486,984.81	$27,286.54	$0.00
CULTURE & RECREATION					
Clapp Memorial Library	$305,012.00	($2,000.00)	$301,051.88	$1,960.12	$504.63
Recreation Department	$151,927.00		$149,038.97	$2,888.03	
Recreation - Pool	$49,928.00		$49,621.27	$306.73	
Teen Center Operating	$38,475.00		$35,870.46	$2,604.54	
Town Beach	$18,545.00		$18,541.67	$3.33	
Family Center	$3,000.00		$3,000.00	$0.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00		$326.00	$174.00	
Historic District	$348.00		$331.84	$16.16	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00		$0.00	$300.00	
	$568,035.00	($2,000.00)	$557,782.09	$8,252.91	$504.63

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY05
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED					
Unclassified	$43,425.00		$41,126.00	$2,299.00	
Council of Governments	$40,000.00		$40,000.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$926,516.00		$926,516.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$15,000.00		$2,952.45	$12,047.55	
Unemployment	$10,000.00		$2,540.20	$7,459.80	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$507,000.00		$504,949.99	$2,050.01	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,000.00		$2,902.14	$1,097.86	
Medicare-Town Share	$49,200.00	$3,925.00	$53,124.06	$0.94	
General Insurance	$316,360.00		$314,794.16	$1,565.84	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$1,145.14		$1,145.14	$0.00	
Capital 2004	$1,037,200.00		$337,996.29	$699,203.71	$699,203.71
	$2,949,846.14	$3,925.00	$2,228,046.43	$725,724.71	$699,203.71
DEBT & INTEREST					
Maturing Debt	$2,729,970.00		$2,729,875.17	$94.83	
Interest	$1,817,894.00	($3,400.00)	$1,814,422.49	$71.51	
	$4,547,864.00	($3,400.00)	$4,544,297.66	$166.34	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS					
General Government	$8,020.00		$8,020.00	$0.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$0.00		$0.00	$0.00	
School Department	$87,560.27		$87,537.23	$23.04	
Insurance & Unclassified	$69,280.66	($37,200.00)	$22,130.51	$9,950.15	$8,392.64
	$164,860.93	($37,200.00)	$117,687.74	$9,973.19	$8,392.64

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers Not Approp.	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY05
SUMMARY					
General Government	$1,299,297.20	($26,661.87)	$1,236,612.04	$36,023.29	$1,431.00
Protection of Persons/Property	$2,082,923.26	$4,315.00	$2,019,207.18	$68,031.08	$26,879.18
Education	$18,945,920.00	$4,800.00	$18,938,743.93	$11,976.07	$11,976.07
Public Works	$1,470,165.60	$26,128.26	$1,450,944.18	$45,349.68	$25,000.00
Human Services	$501,064.35	$13,207.00	$486,984.81	$27,286.54	$0.00
Culture & Recreation	$568,035.00	($2,000.00)	$557,782.09	$8,252.91	$504.63
Insurance & Unclassified	$2,949,846.14	$3,925.00	$2,228,046.43	$725,724.71	$699,203.71
Debt & Interest	$4,547,864.00	($3,400.00)	$4,544,297.66	$166.34	$0.00
	$32,365,115.55	$20,313.39	$31,462,618.32	$922,810.62	$764,994.59
Encumbered Funds	$164,860.93	($37,200.00)	$117,687.74	$9,973.19	$8,392.64
TOTALS	$32,529,976.48	($16,886.61) *	$31,580,306.06	$932,783.81	$773,387.23

*Reserve Fund transfer to Landfill Enterprise Fund voted $2700
*MEMA money received $34,013.39 booked here as transfers not appropriated.

Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:								
Grants	171,671.41	837,084.98	277,318.00	140,137.76		745,575.00		2,171,787.15
Collections & Fees		43,491.47	13,132.00	551,356.70	296,521.91	887,697.02	160,492.74	1,952,691.84
Interest						225.49	1,892.96	2,118.45
Performance Guarantees							1,925.00	1,925.00
Gifts		1,721.00	440.00			88,641.04		90,802.04
Temporary Loans								0.00
Other							337,043.47	337,043.47
Total Revenues	171,671.41	882,297.45	290,890.00	691,494.46	296,521.91	1,722,138.55	501,354.17	4,556,367.95
Expenditures:								
General Government			812.00			35,951.77	31,077.00	67,840.77
Protection of Persons & Property		48,389.77	32,760.78			23,080.14	121,400.03	225,630.72
Education		709,431.70	233,471.17	673,942.43	340,471.18	1,313,488.35	329,121.66	3,599,926.49
Department of Public Works	157,990.06		0.00			173,065.15		331,055.21
Human Services		161,779.03	28,669.07			9,936.21		200,384.31
Culture & Recreation			26,504.68			256,222.32		282,727.00
Debt & Interest								0.00
Total Expenditures	157,990.06	919,600.50	322,217.70	673,942.43	340,471.18	1,811,743.94	481,598.69	4,707,564.50
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	13,681.35	(37,303.05)	(31,327.70)	17,552.03	(43,949.27)	(89,605.39)	19,755.48	(151,196.55)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):								
Operating Transfers In								0.00
Operating Transfers Out		41.81	62.23			254,903.61		255,007.65
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	(41.81)	(62.23)	0.00	0.00	(254,903.61)	0.00	(255,007.65)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

		GRANTS						
	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	13,681.35	(37,344.86)	(31,389.93)	17,552.03	(43,949.27)	(344,509.00)	19,755.48	(406,204.20)
Audit Adjustment						5,223.70		5,223.70
Balance 7-1-03	(30,306.75)	46,373.80	547,356.72	56,614.33	128,138.44	624,095.26	209,378.93	1,581,650.73
Balance 6-30-04	(16,625.40)	9,028.94	515,966.79	74,166.36	84,189.17	284,809.96	229,134.41	1,180,670.23

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

	High School	Health Title V	Police Station/ Sr. Center	Fire Station	WWTP & Other Sewer	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:							
MWPAT					4,145,151.48		$4,145,151.48
USDA Grant					64,614.00		$64,614.00
USDA Loan							$0.00
Temporary Loans					567,000.00		$567,000.00
Bond Proceeds							$0.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,776,765.48	0.00	$4,776,765.48
Expenditures:							
Construction	$55,718.81				$4,439,776.72		$4,495,495.53
Equipment	$209,693.97			$436.16	$64,365.06		$274,495.19
Return of Unexpended Funds							$0.00
Temporary Loans					$567,000.00		$567,000.00
Total Expenditures	$265,412.78	$0.00	$0.00	$436.16	$5,071,141.78	$0.00	$5,336,990.72
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	($265,412.78)	$0.00	$0.00	($436.16)	($294,376.30)	$0.00	($560,225.24)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In							$0.00
Operation Transfers Out							
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	($265,412.78)	$0.00	$0.00	($436.16)	($294,376.30)	$0.00	($560,225.24)
Fund Balance 7-1-03	$682,915.03	$0.00	$25,750.91	$822.94	$492,622.35	$12,723.30	$1,214,834.53
Fund Balance 6-30-04	$417,502.25	$0.00	$25,750.91	$386.78	$198,246.05	$12,723.30	$654,609.29

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:				
User Fees	593,000.00		613,408.34	20,408.34
Sewer Connections	10,000.00		17,000.00	7,000.00
Interest	0.00		5,921.66	5,921.66
Dumping Fees	6,000.00		130.00	(5,870.00)
Total Revenue	609,000.00	0.00	636,460.00	27,460.00
Expenditures:				
Environmental	475,526.00	11,000.00	482,846.16	3,679.84
Debt & Interest	483,989.00		483,984.40	4.60
Total Expenditures	959,515.00	11,000.00	966,830.56	3,684.44
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			(330,370.56)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	218,737.00		218,737.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	218,737.00	0.00	218,737.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)			(111,633.56)	
Audit Adjustment			490.58	
Fund Balance 7/1/03			199,510.53	
Fund Balance 6/30/04			88,367.55	

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Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2004

	Budget	Transfers	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:				
User Fees	160,000.00		220,018.80	60,018.80
Sale of Recycling				
Total Revenue	160,000.00	0.00	220,018.80	60,018.80
Expenditures:				
Environmental	257,030.00	2,700.00	259,502.95	227.05
Hazardous Waste				
Total Expenditures	257,030.00	2,700.00	259,502.95	227.05
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures			(39,484.15)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	20,042.00		22,742.00	2,700.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	20,042.00	0.00	22,742.00	2,700.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)			(16,742.15)	
Fund Balance 7/1/03			172,500.41	
Fund Balance 6/30/04			155,758.26	

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Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Balance 7/1/2003	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2004
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$122,151.29		$26,163.98	$3,222.81			$145,092.46	$145,092.46
Whiting Street	$40,406.99		$560.64	$2,153.15			$38,814.48	$38,814.48
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$3,708.05		$65.03				$3,773.08	$3,773.08
Calvin Bridgman High School	$10,937.40		$192.96				$11,130.36	$11,130.36
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$807.72		$54.78				$862.50	$862.50
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$2,630.77		$53.89				$2,684.66	$2,684.66
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$3,222.70		$178.35				$3,401.05	$3,401.05
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$17,966.67		$1,273.15	$10,597.00			$8,642.82	$8,642.82
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,100.68		$13.60				$1,114.28	$1,114.28
Nellie E. Brown	$3,094.81		$45.64	$255.50			$2,884.95	$2,884.95
Willard Stebbins	$1,541.79		$34.64				$1,576.43	$1,576.43
Vianna E. Somes	$2,028.26		$26.53				$2,054.79	$2,054.79
E. Schmidt Memorial	$861.31	$730.34		$1,591.65			$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$14,330.90		$247.05				$14,577.95	$14,577.95
Retirement Trust	$0.00		$2,031.94				$2,031.94	$2,031.94
Conservation Fund	$684.85		$7.81				$692.66	$692.66
Stabilization Fund	$997,244.07	$458,423.00	$15,092.77		($823,174.00)	$340,000.00	$307,585.84	$647,585.84
Workers' Compensation Fund	$91,441.56		$1,041.80				$92,483.36	$92,483.36
	$1,314,159.82	$459,153.34	$47,084.56	$17,820.11	($823,174.00)	$340,000.00	$639,403.61	$979,403.61

Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2004

	Balance 7/1/2003	Additions	Balance 6/30/2004
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	10,875.51	5,000.00	15,875.51
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	105,787.14	6,150.00	111,937.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	739,556.94	11,150.00	750,706.94

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Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2004

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2003	Reduced FY2004	Outstanding 6/30/2004	Due In FY2005
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	340,000.00	31,000.00	309,000.00	31,000.00
School Loans:						
Middle School	1992	4.55	410,000.00	410,000.00	0.00	0.00
Elementary	1996	4.87	6,475,000.00	610,000.00	5,865,000.00	640,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	30,730,000.00	1,620,000.00	29,110,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	825,000.00	55,000.00	770,000.00	55,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
Relining Loan	1995	0.00	10,568.00	10,568.00	0.00	0.00
WWTP	1999	0.00	7,154,800.00	381,600.00	6,773,200.00	388,800.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	449,696.00	21,328.00	428,368.00	21,722.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	535,571.00	25,454.00	510,117.00	25,923.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	1,133,511.00	53,933.00	1,079,578.00	54,916.00
USDA Pine Valley	2003	4.50	154,100.00	115,175.00	38,925.00	10,096.00
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,884,501.00	75,732.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,002,160.00	160,695.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	75,000.00	9,211.82	65,788.18	3,968.00
Schools:						
SPED Loan	2001	0.00	96,000.00	32,000.00	64,000.00	32,000.00
			48,389,246.00	3,375,269.82	50,900,637.18	3,119,852.00

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Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2004

	Principal	Interest	Total
2005	3,119,852.00	2,366,612.03	5,486,464.03
2006	2,894,601.00	2,227,672.90	5,122,273.90
2007	2,903,748.00	2,092,081.36	4,995,829.36
2008	2,938,517.00	1,951,790.89	4,890,307.89
2009	2,965,091.00	1,814,641.50	4,779,732.50
2010	3,013,324.00	1,688,377.07	4,701,701.07
2011	3,060,866.00	1,556,387.08	4,617,253.08
2012	3,110,538.00	1,420,840.23	4,531,378.23
2013	2,932,362.00	1,508,891.64	4,441,253.64
2014	3,222,129.00	1,154,894.44	4,377,023.44
2015	3,247,768.00	990,633.63	4,238,401.63
2016	2,622,968.00	833,393.13	3,456,361.13
2017	2,648,468.00	707,640.94	3,356,108.94
2018	2,684,168.00	572,330.00	3,256,498.00
2019	2,709,968.00	435,750.00	3,145,718.00
2020	2,118,968.00	316,775.00	2,435,743.00
2021	1,973,968.00	218,300.00	2,192,268.00
2022	1,980,000.00	123,587.50	2,103,587.50
2023	375,000.00	28,375.00	403,375.00
2024	380,000.00	9,500.00	389,500.00
	50,902,304.00	22,018,474.34	72,920,778.34

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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2003	$ 7,471,979.22	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 49,125,142.98
RECEIPTS	$ 48,159,410.81	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2004	$ 6,506,247.05
	$ 55,631,390.03		$ 55,631,390.03

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 62,986.14

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 6/30/2003	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2004
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 16,937.40		$ 192.96		$ 17,130.36
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 5,708.05		$ 65.03		$ 5,773.08
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,300.68		$ 13.60		$ 1,314.28
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 3,041.79		$ 34.64		$ 3,076.43
VIANNA SOMES	$ 2,328.26		$ 26.53		$ 2,354.79
NELLIE BROWN	$ 4,094.81		$ 45.64	$ (255.50)	$ 3,884.95
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 18,359.50	$ 5,850.00	$ 195.87	$ (7,860.00)	$ 16,545.37
PERPETUAL CARE (MMDT)	$ 106,094.31		$ 1,077.28		$ 107,171.59
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 635,011.98	$ 546.00	$ 26,163.98	$ (3,768.81)	$ 657,953.15
WHITING STREET	$ 50,406.99		$ 560.64	$ (2,153.15)	$ 48,814.48
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 4,730.77		$ 53.89	$ (499.50)	$ 4,784.66
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 4,807.72		$ 54.78		$ 4,862.50
CONSERVATION	$ 684.85		$ 7.81		$ 692.66
SENIOR CENTER	$ 14,098.21	$ 5,000.00	$ 178.35		$ 19,276.56
PENSION RESERVE	$ 24,330.90		$ 247.05		$ 24,577.95
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 997,244.07	$ 458,423.00	$ 15,092.77	$ (823,174.00)	$ 647,585.84
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 91,441.56		$ 1,041.80		$ 92,483.36
TOTALS	$ 1,980,621.85	$ 469,819.00	$ 45,052.62	$ (837,710.96)	$ 1,658,282.01

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FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2003 - JUNE 30, 2004

NOTE# & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED		AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
TRI LAKES SEWER BONDS	COMM. MASS - MWPAT	11/6/2003	$	5,886,661.00	8/1/2023	4.48% subsidized
#964 RENEWAL TRI-LAKES SEWER	CAPE COD BANK & TRUST	5/21/2004	$	567,000.00	11/18/2004	1.40%
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES -MUNICIPAL PURPOSE	BERKSHIRE BANK	6/17/2004	$	1,000,000.00	11/18/2004	1.50%

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LISA M BANNER
TOWN TREASURER

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FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2003			$	101.20
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	101.20		
	$	101.20	$	101.20

FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	234.60
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	234.60		
	$	234.60	$	234.60

FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	891.48
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	891.48		
	$	891.48	$	891.48

FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	957.60
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	957.60		
	$	957.60	$	957.60

FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	792.40
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	792.40		
	$	792.40	$	792.40

FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	1,163.14
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	1,163.14		
	$	1,163.14	$	1,163.14

FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	72.59
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	72.59		
	$	72.59	$	72.59

FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	64.36
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	64.36		
	$	64.36	$	64.36

FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	100.93
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	100.93		
	$	100.93	$	100.93

FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	112.47
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	112.47		
	$	112.47	$	112.47

FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	314.10
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	314.10		
	$	314.10	$	314.10

FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	151.57
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	151.57		
	$	151.57	$	151.57

FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	1,249.02
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	1,249.02		
	$	1,249.02	$	1,249.02

FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	1,237.57
COLLECTED	$	19.99		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	1,217.58		
	$	1,237.57	$	1,237.57

FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	1,230.4
COLLECTED	$	354.50		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	875.98		
	$	1,230.48	$	1,230.4

FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	748.1
COLLECTED	$	522.20		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	225.90		
	$	748.10	$	748.1

FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	4,045.8
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	4,045.82		
	$	4,045.82	$	4,045.8

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FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 3,770.94
ABATED	$ 1,407.95	
COLLECTED	$ 472.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,890.63	
	$ 3,770.94	$ 3,770.94

FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 2,439.33
COLLECTED	$ 6.34	
ABATED	$ 329.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 2,103.20	
	$ 2,439.33	$ 2,439.33

FISCAL 2000 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 4,264.58
COLLECTED	$ 4,205.87	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 58.71	
	$ 4,264.58	$ 4,264.58

ISCAL 2001 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 23,602.69
COLLECTED	$ 13,016.56	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 10,586.13	
	$ 23,602.69	$ 23,602.69

SCAL 2002 REAL ESTATE		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 83,159.87
OLLECTED	$ 33,187.40	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 49,972.47	
	$ 83,159.87	$ 83,159.87

SCAL 2003 REAL ESTATE		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 256,221.28
EFUNDED		$ 1,153.56
OLLECTED	$ 197,949.52	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 59,425.32	
	$ 257,374.84	$ 257,374.84

SCAL 2004 REAL ESTATE		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 6,847,897.38
OMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 7,781,535.71
FUNDED		$ 49,561.45
ATED	$ 62,618.61	
TAX TITLE	$ 100,258.32	
LLECTED	$ 14,265,945.78	
TSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 250,171.83	
	$ 14,678,994.54	$ 14,678,994.54

CAL 2005 REAL ESTATE		
MM FOR COLLECTION		$ 7,621,165.81
LLECTED	$ 41,305.35	
TSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 7,579,860.46	
	$ 7,621,165.81	$ 7,621,165.81

CAL 2001 PERS. PROP		
TSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 2,714.28
UNDED		$ 67.89
LECTED	$ 211.22	

FISCAL 1991 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 1,643.78
COLLECTED	$ 13.43	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,630.35	
	$ 1,643.78	$ 1,643.78

FISCAL 1992 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 1,961.82
COLLECTED	$ 12.21	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,949.61	
	$ 1,961.82	$ 1,961.82

FISCAL 1993 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 3,814.93
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 3,814.93	
	$ 3,814.93	$ 3,814.93

FISCAL 1994 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 6,266.63
COLLECTED	$ 206.40	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 6,060.23	
	$ 6,266.63	$ 6,266.63

FISCAL 1995 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 7,346.39
COLLECTED	$ 130.98	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 7,215.41	
	$ 7,346.39	$ 7,346.39

FISCAL 1996 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 12,007.52
COLLECTED	$ 78.79	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 11,928.73	
	$ 12,007.52	$ 12,007.52

FISCAL 1997 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 6,123.71
COLLECTED	$ 20.59	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 6,103.12	
	$ 6,123.71	$ 6,123.71

FISCAL 1998 PERS.PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 4,231.91
COLLECTED	$ 198.43	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 4,033.48	
	$ 4,231.91	$ 4,231.91

FISCAL 1999 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 4,194.59
COLLECTED	$ 130.23	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 4,064.36	
	$ 4,194.59	$ 4,194.59

FISCAL 2000 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 1,931.58
COLLECTED	$ 15.15	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,916.43	
	$ 1,931.58	$ 1,931.58

1987 FARM ANIMAL EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 59.00
COLLECTED	$ 59.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	

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OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 2,570.95	
	$ 2,782.17	$ 2,782.17
FISCAL 2002 PERS.PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 1,842.67
COLLECTED	$ 128.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,714.15	
	$ 1,842.67	$ 1,842.67
FISCAL 2003 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 3,810.06
REFUNDED		$ 276.27
COLLECTED	$ 3,517.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 568.83	
	$ 4,086.33	$ 4,086.33
FISCAL 2004 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 153,351.17
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 170,076.47
REFUNDED		$ 343.27
ABATED	$ 1,284.42	
COLLECTED	$ 295,046.13	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 27,440.36	
	$ 323,770.91	$ 323,770.91
FISCAL 2005 PERS PROP		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 157,226.33
COLLECTED	$ 18.75	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,575,207.58	
	$ 1,575,226.33	$ 157,226.33
1983 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 107.50
COLLECTED	$ 107.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 107.50	$ 107.50
1984 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 148.50
COLLECTED	$ 148.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 148.50	$ 148.50
1985 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 115.50
COLLECTED	$ 115.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 115.50	$ 115.50
1986 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 59.00
COLLECTED	$ 59.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 59.00	$ 59.00

	$ 59.00	$ 59.00
1988 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 279.00
COLLECTED	$ 59.00	
ABATED	$ 220.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 279.00	$ 279.00
1989 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 68.00
COLLECTED	$ 68.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 68.00	$ 68.00
1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 263.50
ABATED	$ 140.50	
COLLECTED	$ 13.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 109.50	
	$ 263.50	$ 263.50
1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 106.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 106.00	
	$ 106.00	$ 106.00
1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 74.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 74.00	
	$ 74.00	$ 74.00
1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 154.88
COLLECTED	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 154.88	
	$ 154.88	$ 154.88
1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 152.63
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 152.63	
	$ 152.63	$ 152.63
1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 153.75
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 153.75	
	$ 153.75	$ 153.75

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1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	160.50
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	160.50		
	$	160.50	$	160.50

1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	160.50
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	160.50		
	$	160.50	$	160.50

1998 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	75.00
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	75.00		
	$	75.00	$	75.00

1999 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	78.00
COLLECTED				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	78.00		
	$	78.00	$	78.00

2000 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	80.00
COLLECTED				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	80.00		
	$	80.00	$	80.00

2001 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	70.51
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	70.51		
	$	70.51	$	70.51

2002 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2003			$	462.39
COLLECTED	$	391.88		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004	$	70.51		
	$	462.39	$	462.39

003 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
COMM FOR COLLECTION			$	1,708.87
COLLECTED	$	1,147.67		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	561.20		
	$	1,708.87	$	1,708.87

002 SEWER LIENS				
OUSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	1,200.10
COLLECTED	$	1,200.10		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	-		
	$	1,200.10	$	1,200.10

2001 SEWER CHARGES				
SUBS:2003 SEWER LIENS				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	3,242.59
COLLECTED	$	3,242.59		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	-		
	$	3,242.59	$	3,242.59

2002 SEWER CHARGES				
SUBS: 2004 SEWER LIENS				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	24,588.95
COMM. FOR COLLECTION			$	2,092.17
TO TAX TITLE	$	1,251.12		
COLLECTED	$	24,405.89		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	1,024.11		
	$	26,681.12	$	26,681.12

2003 SEWER CHARGES				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2003			$	129,247.27
COMM FOR COLLECTION			$	314,911.35
REFUNDED			$	1,146.28
COLLECTED	$	423,693.51		
ABATED	$	42.32		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004	$	21,569.07		
	$	445,304.90	$	445,304.90

2004 SEWER CHARGES				
COMM FOR COLLECTION			$	335,677.30
REFUNDED			$	37.60
ABATED	$	85.92		
COLLECTED	$	163,023.96		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	172,605.02		
	$	335,714.90	$	335,714.90

1999 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	6,878.95
ABATED	$	5,434.87		
COLLECTED	$	1,444.08		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	-		
	$	6,878.95	$	6,878.95

2000 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	6,708.26
REFUNDED			$	52.29
COLLECTED	$	1,341.67		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	5,418.88		
	$	6,760.55	$	6,760.55

2001 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003			$	13,752.49
REFUNDED			$	67.89
COLLECTED	$	3,861.24		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$	9,959.14		
	$	13,820.38	$	13,820.38

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2002 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 25,536.33
COMM. FOR COLLECTION		$ 5,694.20
REFUNDED		$ 684.89
ABATED	$ 2,172.37	
COLLECTED	$ 14,905.76	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 14,837.29	
	$ 31,915.42	$ 31,915.42

2003 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2003		$ 155,669.99
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 233,326.38
REFUNDED		$ 12,486.60
ABATED	$ 20,646.49	
COLLECTED	$ 355,610.57	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004	$ 25,225.91	
	$ 401,482.97	$ 401,482.97

2004 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,269,932.18
REFUNDED		$ 4,721.91
ABATED	$ 39,913.05	
COLLECTED	$ 1,069,921.26	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 164,819.78	
	$ 1,274,654.09	$ 1,274,654.09

MISCELLANEOUS REC.		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 70,517.69
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 144,514.81
REFUNDED		$ 4,030.00
ABATED	$4,030.00	
COLLECTED	$ 149,788.75	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 65,243.75	
	$219,062.50	$ 219,062.50

SEWER CONNECTIONS		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 1,000.00
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 5,000.00
COLLECTED	$ 6,000.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003	$ -	
	$ 6,000.00	$ 6,000.00

2001 DAIGLE WELL BETT.		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2003		$ 131.25
COLLECTED	$ 131.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 131.25	$ 131.25

2003 DAIGLE WELL BETT.		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2003		$ 322.72
COLLECTED	$ 322.72	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 322.72	$ 322.72

2004 DAIGLE WELL BETT.		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 19,184.20
COLLECTED	$ 18,254.64	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 929.56	
	$ 19,184.20	$ 19,184.20

BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE		
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 5,377.05
COLLECTED	$ 3,727.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ 1,650.00	
	$ 5,377.05	$ 5,377.05

2004 TITLE V		
COMMITTED FOR COLL		$ 7,040.81
COLLECTED	$ 7,040.81	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004	$ -	
	$ 7,040.81	$ 7,040.81

COMSTAR AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2003		$ 180,460.14
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 539,266.00
REFUNDED		$ 1,557.12
ABATED	$ 147,240.07	
COLLECTED	$ 323,101.46	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004	$ 250,941.73	
	$ 721,283.26	$ 721,283.26

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TOTAL COLLECTIONS			$	17,201,474.34
AMBULANCE ACCT	JULY 1, 2003- JUNE 30,2004		$	323,101.46
		TOTAL	$	17,524,575.80

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$	17,107,779.14
INTEREST/FEES		$	93,695.20
AMBULANCE ACCT		$	323,101.46
	TOTAL	$	17,524,575.80

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

LISA M BANNER
TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK REPORT
VITAL STATISTICS

2003 Vital Statistics received after filing last year's report

BIRTHS

Place	Male	Female
Belchertown		1
Northampton	2	3
Springfield	1	1

No Additional Marriages

DEATHS

Male: 5 Female: 2

Belchertown Resident: 7

Place of Death		
Northampton	-	1
Springfield	-	5
Ware	-	1

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2004 STATISTICS

BIRTHS

Place	Male	Female
Belchertown		1
Boston		1
Greenfield	1	
Holyoke	4	5
Northampton	24	25
Springfield	53	44
Ware	1	4
	83	80

MARRIAGES

	Male	Female
Belchertown Residents	44	67
Non-Residents	8	9
	52	76

Married in Belchertown: 31
Married Out-of-Town: 33

DEATHS

Males: 30 Females: 34

Belchertown Resident: 64
Non-Resident: 0

Place of Death		Place of Death	
Agawam -	2	Holyoke -	4
Amherst -	8	Northampton -	2
Belchertown -	16	Palmer -	6
Boston -	1	South Hadley -	1
Chicopee -	1	Springfield -	5
East Longmeadow -	2	Ware -	9
Greenfield -	1	West Springfield -	1
Hadley -	3	Wilbraham -	2

TOWN CLERK
2004 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	240.00	420.00	420.00	465.00	270.00	285.00	335.00	300.00	290.00	310.00	295.00	275.00	3905.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	10.00	15.00	60.00	30.00	165.00	105.00	90.00	105.00	150.00	75.00	15.00	15.00	835.00
POLE ORDERS			80.00	20.00				20.00	220.00	60.00	140.00		540.00
PARKING CITATIONS													0.00
DOG FINES		45.00	175.00	65.00	1455.00	995.00	1055.00	285.00	205.00	250.00	110.00	30.00	4670.00
DOG OFFICER FEES		190.00	232.00	150.00	300.00	95.00		455.00	450.00		714.00		2586.00
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	20.00	60.00	120.00	60.00		110.00	87.00	37.00	24.00	126.00	75.00	50.00	769.00
PLANNING BOARD FEES	385.00	3200.00	185.00	360.00	3518.00	625.00	250.00	1225.00	410.00	560.00	125.00	3660.00	14503.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	200.00		100.00		200.00	100.00		300.00	200.00	100.00	200.00		1400.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION				30.00	7.50								37.50
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	135.00	30.00	90.00	120.00	135.00	50.00	65.00	150.00	135.00	80.00	110.00	45.00	1145.00
RAFFLE PERMITS					10.00	10.00			60.00	10.00	10.00		100.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	60.00						100.00	120.00	60.00	20.00	40.00		400.00
VOTER ID CARDS													0.00
HOMESTEAD FILINGS		10.00	30.00	30.00			30.00	20.00	10.00		30.00	10.00	170.00
UCC			89.00		816.99				20.00		170.20		1096.19
SPORTING LIC SALES**	1579.25	405.00	707.50	1015.50	772.25	789.00	459.75	11.00	76.50	72.00	104.75	1851.00	7843.50
SPORTING ADM FEES	63.30	15.30	33.25	51.75	37.60	41.65	18.10	1.50	3.10	2.50	5.45	77.35	350.85
DOG LICENSE	2541.00	4497.00	2840.00	4537.00	2063.00	554.00	515.00	653.00	139.00	69.00	1033.00	1284.00	20725.00
BURIAL PERMITS	30.00		30.00	75.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	15.00	15.00	300.00
CONSERV. TRAIL MAPS	2.00		4.00		2.00		8.00	4.00	3.00	6.00		5.00	34.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION				25.00			25.00			25.00	50.00		125.00
PASSPORTS	480.00	990.00	1320.00	630.00	750.00	720.00	300.00	360.00	240.00	450.00	300.00	300.00	6840.00
MSC SALES	1.60	54.00	22.20	23.40	1.60	26.00	1.00		262.68	1.20	44.40		438.08
TOTALS	5747.15	9931.30	6537.95	7687.65	10518.94	4520.65	3353.85	4076.50	2988.28	2246.70	3586.80	7617.35	68813.12
**** PAYMENTS TO:**													
Div. of Fisheries&Wildlife	1579.25	405.00	707.50	1015.50	772.25	789.00	459.75	11.00	76.50	72.00	104.75	1851.00	5992.50
Town of Belchertown	4167.90	9526.30	5830.45	6672.15	9746.69	3731.65	2894.10	4065.50	2911.78	2174.70	3482.05	5766.35	62820.62
TOTAL	5747.15	9931.30	6537.95	7687.65	10518.94	4520.65	3353.85	4076.50	2988.28	2246.70	3586.80	7617.35	68813.12

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ADA COMMITTEE

The American With Disabilities Committee members for the year 2004 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Max Bock, Maintenance Department; Michael Krzystofik, School Department; Sally Dodge and Ruthella Tucker town-appointed representatives.

The Committee met on the first Tuesday of every other month: January, March, May, September and November 2004.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals received 18 applications for the year 2004. Of the 18 applications received, 10 were for special permits and eight were for variances.

Of the ten special permit applications, eight were granted and two were withdrawn by the applicants.

Of the eight variance applications, seven were granted and one was withdrawn by the applicant.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zoning Board of Appeals
Richard Barry, Chairman
Diane Loftus Mas, Vice Chairman
Raymond Goff, Member
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member
Bernadette Harrigan, Associate Member
Patricia LaFore, Associate Member

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2004 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

During 2004, the Board of Assessors experienced no personnel changes as Samuel Joyal was re-elected by the voters of Belchertown. Michael Forgue Vice Chairman, and Deborah Sammataro Clerk, rounded out the Board.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY04 budget included:

Total Taxable Value:	900,451,819
Town Meeting Appropriations:	$36,297,435
Estimated Receipts/ Revenue Sources:	$21,259,890
Tax Levy:	$15,037,545
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions:	$15,042,473
New Growth:	$500,395
FY04 Tax Rate:	$16.70

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners. At the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, the Town adopted a local option that increased the Elderly Tax Exemption amount from $500 to $750. The exemption requirements were also adjusted making it easier for seniors to qualify. These changes took effect during fiscal year 2004.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment of all real estate for fiscal 2004. Due to an increase in Belchertown's market conditions, the single-family property class increased approximately 10%. The Board is confident that properties in town are being valued fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors along with the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Samuel Joyal, Chairman
Michael Forgue, Vice Chairman
Deborah Sammataro, Clerk

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 62, and 63 (dedicated to Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content neutral regarding their use.

BCTV continues its modest growth. We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run entirely by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Selectmen
- Conservation Commission
- Planning Board
- School Committee
- EDIC
- Council on Aging
- The Yearly Finance Committee Budget Cycle
- The Annual Town Meeting
- Special Town Meetings
- Other meetings of immediate interest to Town Residents

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, ZBA, Recreation Commission, Board of Health, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- BHS Home and Away Football games
- BHS Girls JV and Varsity Basketball
- BHS Boys JV and Varsity Basketball
- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The CHCS Stepping Up Ceremony
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony.

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Wrestling Matches, Volleyball, Chess…)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- …About Belchertown
- Legislator's Report
- Your Money – Your Time – Your Worth
- The BlueRibbonCooks
- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- The Town Christmas Concerts
- A Musical Christmas Card at Belchertown High School

(Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, all Recreation Department games, and the annual Rag Shag Parade.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- Grace Community Chapel
- World Wide Church of God

Accomplishments and Goals

Last year's goals were to increase our pool of volunteers and train them to operate independently, purchase some updated mini-DV three chip prosumer cameras, wire the new Community Room for live broadcasts, and have members of BCTV join the cable contract renewal committee.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use, such as audio mixing.

BCTV was able to go live from the football stadium again this year for all home football games. John Folliard was the producer of these Orioles' Football games. He oversaw the broadcast or taping of all eleven games played this year. His loyal group of volunteers included Bob Farrington, Theresa Folliard, and Dave Barnett.

Peg Louraine interviews young fairgoers.

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who inputs all BCTV Bulletin Board material. She has brought her artistic eye to the creation of each page and improved the overall look of our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has continued to be an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Kim, Rick, Mindy, and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers: BCTV runs on volunteer power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Rick Aldrich
Brian Aldrich
Rev. Bruce Arbour
Dave Barnett
Mike Beresky
Pat Bonnett
Louise Christ
Bob Farrington
Bob Farrington Jr.
John Folliard
John Folliard Jr.
Theresa Folliard
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
Audrey LePage
Norm Loftus
Mary Medrek
Ron Pobieglo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine, General Manager
BCTV Internal Board
Ron Akins
Dan Fitzpatrick
Peg Louraine

CIVIL DEFENSE

The purpose of Civil Defense or more commonly called in today's world, the Office of Emergency Management, is a support group interacting with all town branches of public safety to assist in emergency planning and preparedness. These are primarily staff, not "command" functions, where the Coordinators serve under joint action arrangements with other Town Officials.

We continuously review emergency plans, and participate in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards. We continue an ongoing partnership of emergency preparedness with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which requires our Town Plan to be filed with the State Agency.

The group continues ongoing efforts to collate town agencies' contingency plans and place them into one central database for quick accurate information. Grant funding received last year has helped the ongoing effort of building this database. The creation of a web page on the town's site has been beneficial for posting pertinent information, and is updated regularly to correspond with the changing natural hazards we experience in our four seasons.

The Department of Homeland Security continues their labors of collecting intelligence information, sharing their findings with interactive agencies, and posting weekly if not daily information of importance. Belchertown's office of Emergency Management continuously receives and monitors these reports.
The members of the Civil Defense Committee are a diverse group of people, mostly made up from our public safety sector. Their expertise in emergency response covers an extremely wide range, everything from natural disasters through technological incidents involving hazardous materials.

Your Civil Defense is committed to actively move ahead. With the continuous support received from the Selectmen and citizens, we can and will prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Director
Civil Defense

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Among the most important goals of this FY2004 Clapp Memorial Library (CML) Annual Report is to provide the Belchertown tax payer with the information needed to evaluate his or her investment in the CML, and subsequently determine if that investment should continue. The Belchertown tax payer should be given the opportunity to determine if the rate of return, judged here by the quantity and quality of CML programs and services, was worth the $22.32 in per capita tax dollars that he or she invested in the CML during FY2004. Such a determination cannot, however, be accurately made if the taxpayer is given nothing more than a catalog of FY2004 CML statistics. The taxpayer needs information from independent, unimpeachable sources with which to compare the CML statistics before such a determination can be made.

Consequently, this report will compare the programs and services, together with the level of municipal support of the CML with:

1. Libraries in 7 of our neighboring communities.
2. MBLC grouping of 53 Massachusetts public libraries serving populations of between 10,000 and 14,999-- Group D (or 4) Libraries.
3. 103 Western Massachusetts public libraries, and 348 others from across the Commonwealth.

The data sources for these comparisons are:

1. Massachusetts Public Library Data (MBLC). This is an annual statistical assessment of all Massachusetts public libraries published by The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). (**NOTE:** FY2004 figures are not yet available from the MBLC, consequently FY2003 statistics are often substituted without creating any distortions.)

2. Wisconsin Public Library Standards, 3rd ed., Mar. 2000 (WPLS). These are nationally recognized public library standards, and are endorsed by the MBLC.

I believe that such comparisons will allow you to make a clear and statistically accurate assessment of the quality and quantity of programs provided to the Belchertown community by the Clapp Memorial Library.

Respectfully,

Owen Maloney
Library Director

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY MISSION STATEMENT

The Clapp Memorial Library is a popular and dynamic community resource which strives to satisfy the need for high quality, comprehensive public library services in areas that are among the most important to the Belchertown community.

The Clapp Memorial Library will provide materials and offer services which promote the development of individual learning strengths in our youngest patrons and prepare their parents and teachers to nourish and sustain this development.

The Clapp Memorial Library will provide an ample collection of topical materials together with a range of reference services selected and designed to meet the general information needs of our patrons.

The Clapp Memorial Library will offer a variety of current, popular materials together with corresponding services specifically selected and designed to satisfy the need for relaxation, recreation and reflection among our patrons.

To satisfy these patron needs the Clapp Memorial Library offers a wide range of resources in a variety of formats, and provides a number of public library services. These resources and services are selected and delivered by a cordial, competent staff that fully supports the fundamental mission of the Clapp Memorial Library--to completely satisfy your public library needs in a manner that might entice you to visit your Library more often.

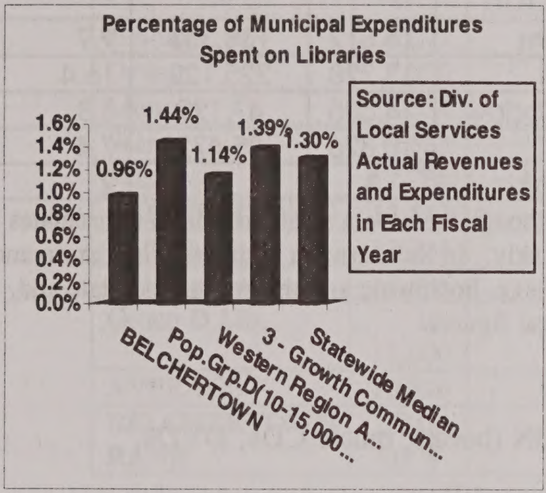
Please Note: Abbreviations used throughout this Report are defined below:

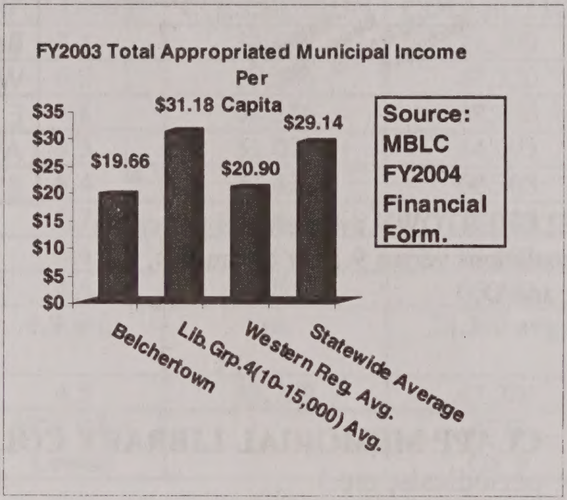
- ***CML:** Clapp Memorial Library, Belchertown, MA*
- ***West. Reg.**: Includes the 103 public libraries in Western Massachusetts.*
- ***Gp. 4 (or Gp. D) Libraries** Includes the 53 Massachusetts public libraries that serve populations from 10,000 to 15,0000—this includes the Clapp Memorial Library here in Belchertown.*
- ***Collection (or Holdings):** books, DVDs, audio books, etc. owned by the CML.*

1. MUNICIPAL FUNDING:

A. FY2004 FUNDING: The Town of Belchertown appropriated a total of $ 305,012.00 for the CML in FY04.

A.1. FY03 CML COMPARATIVE FUNDING DATA:.(Comparison figures for FY2004 are not yet available from the MBLC, consequently FY2003 figures are used.)





Towns included in columns B, C, D & E expend an avg. of 1.32% of their entire budget on library support as compared to 0.93% for Belchertown

The avg. pc level of library support for towns in columns B, C, &D is $27.07 compared to $19.66 spent by Belchertown in support of the CML

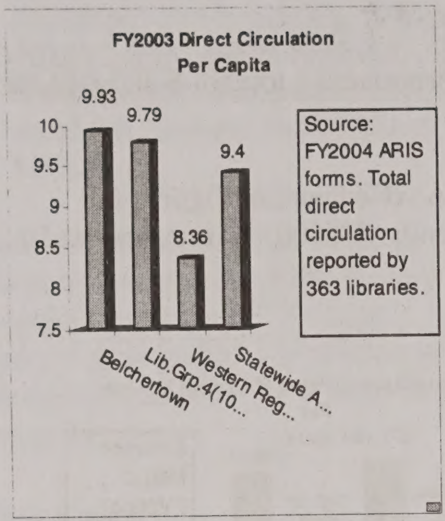
2. PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICES:

A. FY04 CIRCULATION TOTAL: In **FY04 145,101 items** (books, etc.) were loaned by the CML.

- General (Adult) & YA (Young adult): 81,369;
- Juvenile & Children's: 63,732

A.1 FY03 CML COMPARATIVE CIRCULATION DATA STATE WIDE LIBRARIES AND THOSE IN 7 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES:

(Figures for FY2004 not yet--FY2003 figures are used.)



Source: FY2004 ARIS forms. Total direct circulation reported by 363 libraries.

BELCHERTOWN averaged 9.9 per-capita circulations versus 9.2 for columns B, C, and D.

Community	Pop.	Circulation	Circula-tions Per capita
Granby	6,721	27,609	4.4
Orange	7,530	41,046	5.5
Munson	8,534	55,790	6.5
Ware	9,823	35,617	3.6
Palmer	12,708	113,127	8.9
Belchertown	**13,512**	**138,333**	**9.9**
Wilbraham	13,728	225,122	16.4
E. Longmeadow	14,505	47,129	3.3
AVERAGE	10,826	85,472	7.4
B'Town Rank	**3**	**2**	**2**

Although we have a small collection it circulates briskly. In Belchertown both total circulation and pc avg. borrowing are higher than the State and local figures.

3. **CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION** (books, music CDs, DVDs, periodicals, etc.)

A. Comparison of the FY04 Clapp Memorial Library Collection to the National Standards based upon Patron Service levels. (Wisconsin Public Library Standards, 3rd ed., Mar. 2000. Based on Municipal Population.) **NOTE:** The WPLS include figure for four levels of patron service—Basic, Moderate, Enhanced & Excellent. The CML fails to satisfy even the Basic Level in most cases, therefore adding the subsequent patron service levels would add little to this report.

A	**B**	**C**
Materials	**Belchertown (pop. 13,512)**	**Basic Patron Service level**
Print	1.4-18,749	4.0 (54,048)
Video, DVD	3.7--3,635	0.11 (1,486)
Audio, CDs	0.1--1,730	0.12 (1,621)
Periodicals	6.6 Titles --90	8.60 (116)
Tot. Collection	1.8--24,653	4.2 (56,750)

Column B: the 1st figure reflects current CML holdings per 1,000 pop., while the second reflects actual CML holdings.

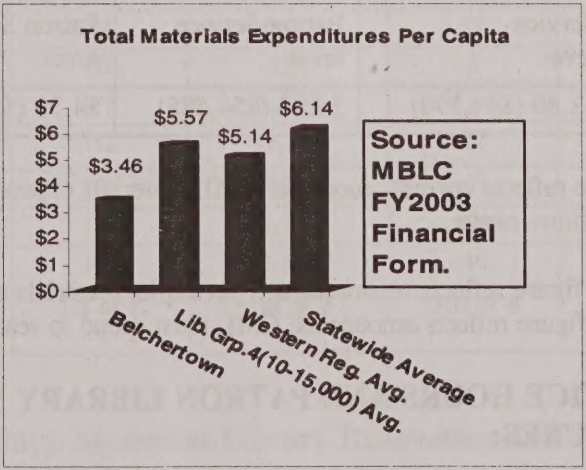
Column C: 1st figure reflects recommended collection per 1,000 pop. 2nd figure reflects number needed by the CML to reach that level of patron service.

A.1. FY03 CML COMPARATIVE HOLDINGS DATA WITH Group D PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN 7 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES: (Figures for FY2004 not yet available--FY2003 figures are used.)

LIBRARY	POP.	MIN. STAND. PC HOLDINGS	CURRENT PC HOLDINGS	MIN. STAND. COLLECTION	CURRENT COLLECTION
Granby	6,271	5.2	3.4	32,609	21,399
Orange	7,530	5.2	6.3	39,156	47,220
Monson	8,534	5.2	4.6	44,376	38,856
Ware	9,823	5.2	4.5	51,079	44,093
Palmer	12,708	4.0	5.4	50,832	68,303
BELCHERTOWN	**13,512**	**4.0**	1,7	**54,048**	**22,729**
Wilbraham	13,728	4.0	5.4	54,912	73,601
E. Longmeadow	14,505	4.0	4.5	58,030	65,433
Group D Lib.	10-15,000	na	4.9 avg.	na	58,565 avg.
AVERAGE	10,826	4.6	4.5	48,129	47,704
BELCHERTOWN RANK	**3RD OF 8**		**8TH OF 9** Lowest		**8TH OF 9**

B. FY04 CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY TOTAL MATERIALS EXPENDITURE:

B.1 FY03 CML COMPARATIVE MATERIALS EXPENDITURES DATA. (Figures for FY2004 not yet available from the MBLC. FY2003 figures are used.)



FY03 $3.60 BELCHERTOWN average per-capita library materials expenditure versus $5.65 for columns B, C & D.

B.2 FY03 CML COMPARATIVE MATERIALS EXPENDITURES DATA WITH ALL GROUP D LIBRARIES AND THOSE IN 7 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES: (Figures for FY2004 not yet available from the MBLC, consequently FY2003 figures are used.)

LIBRARY	Pop.	Total Materials Expenditures	Materials Expenditures As % of Total Budget	Materials Expenditures Per Capita	Col. Size
Granby	6,271	$20,321	19%	$3.24	21,399
Orange	7,530	$48,928	20%	$6.50	47,220
Monson	8,534	$73,108	22%	$8.57	38,856
Ware	9,823	$39,615	22%	$4.03	44,093
Palmer	12,708	$108,937	18%	$8.57	68,303
Belchertown	**13,512**	**$48,705**	**17%**	**$3.60**	**22,729**
Wilbraham	13,728	$98,144	17%	$7.15	73,601
E. Longmeadow	14,505	$86,219	18%	$5.94	65,433
Group D Lib.	10-15,000	$72,092	na	$5.83	53,135
AVERAGE	**10,826**	**$68,795**	**19.2%**	**$5.90**	**47,704**
BELCHERTOWN RANK	**3RD OF 8**	**7TH OF 9**	**TIED FOR LAST**	**8TH OF 9**	**8TH OF 9**

This disproportionately low level of CML materials expenditures, together with the complete **lack of space available to increase the collection,** are the primary reasons why **the CML Collection is 58.6% smaller than that of the average Group D library.**

B.3. Comparison of the FY04 Clapp Memorial Library Materials Expenditures to the National Standards based upon Patron Service levels. (Wisconsin Public Library Standards, 3rd ed., Mar. 2000. Based on Municipal Population.)

A	B	C	D	E
Belchertown FY04 Materials Expenditure	Basic Patron Service level	Moderate Patron Service level	Enhance Patron Service level	Excellent Patron Service level
$48,705 ($3.60)	$3.30 ($44,590)	$4.04 ($54,588)	$4.31 ($58,237)	$5.22 ($70,533)

Column A: 1st figure reflects current amount of CML materials expenditure. 2nd figure reflects current CML Expenditure capita.

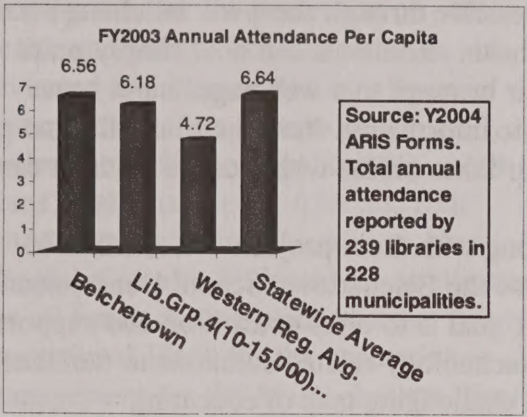
Columns B to E: 1st figure reflects recommended per capita materials expenditure for the population of Belchertown. 2nd figure reflects amount the CML must spend to reach that level of patron service.

4. FY2004 CML SERVICE HOURS AND PATRON LIBRARY VISITS (Attendance) & PROGRAMMING FIGURES:

A. FY04 CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY PATRON VISITS: Total FY04 Library Visits: 84,357.

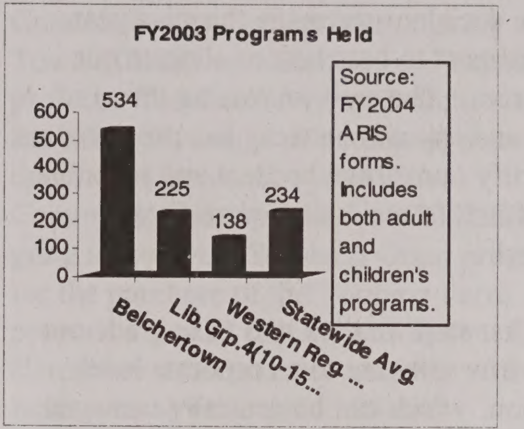
1. Average Patron Library Visits per Week: **1,622**/5.5 days per week
2. Average Patron Library Visits per Day: 294.

A.2. FY03 COMPARATIVE PATRON LIBRARY VISIT DATA: (Figures for FY2004 not yet.)



In FY2003 the CML averaged 6.56 per-capita library visits vs. 5.85 per capita library visits for the libraries included in the groups indicated above.

A.3 VISITS FY03 CML COMPARATIVE LIBRARY PROGRAMMING STATISTICS



In FY2003 the Clapp Memorial Library presented 534 library programs while the libraries included in the groups indicated above averaged but 199 programs.

A.4 FY03 CML COMPARATIVE LIBRARY PROGRAMMING STATISTICS WITH PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN 7 NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES: (Public Library Services Report, MBLC FY2003--PROGRAMMING.)

	Pop.	Number of Children's Programs	Attendance at Children's Programs	Number Of Adult & YA Programs	Attendance At Adult & YA Programs	Total Programs Attendance
Granby	6,271	71	2,298	45	330	2,628
Orange	7,530	160	2,327	13	193	2,519
Monson	8,534	59	344	32	1148	1,492
Ware	9,823	60	320	3	74	394
Palmer	12,708	175	3,850	124	1,558	5,408
Belchertown	**13,512**	**512**	**11,901**	**22**	**563**	**12,463**
Wilbraham	13,728	293	5,035	47	824	5,859
E. Longmeadow	14,505	113	2,901	NA	NA	2,901
Average	10,826	180	3,622	36	659	4,208
Belchertown Rank	**3rd of 8**	**1st of 8**	**1st of 8**	**5th of 8**	**4th of 8**	**1st of 8**

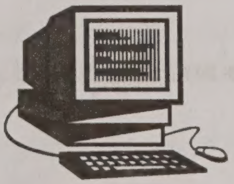
Please support the Clapp Memorial Library Renovation and Expansion program.

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

Security and redundancy weighed heavily on the decisions we made this past year with respect to how best to allocate our resources. The ever-increasing threat of virus and spy ware attacks has prompted us to fortify our virtual borders and redouble our efforts to maintain a virus-free network.

The first step we took was to upgrade our anti-virus software to a corporate level solution, which can be centrally managed and easily deployed to remote locations without having to visit each location. Secondly, we installed a Spam-filtering device at the edge of our network, which reads all e-mail messages before they reach our mail server. The messages are scanned for content, dangerous attachment types are stripped off, and other attachment types are renamed to avoid unintentional execution. If the message is determined to be Spam, it is marked as such to facilitate filtering on the users' mailbox level.

We also concentrated our efforts this past year on preparing our network infrastructure for future expansion by upgrading some of its central components. A Cisco Gigabit-Ethernet switch was installed to connect all of our servers and outlying switches providing 10 times the previous bandwidth for reduced network traffic and higher availability.



One addition to Belchertown's online presence this past year made me particularly happy. In conjunction with the Treasurer/Collector's office we have implemented an online tax payment system accessible through the www.belchertown.org website. Residents can now simply point their browser to a web page, input some basic information from their tax bill, and pay their taxes online with a credit or debit card.

Along with these projects we continue to serve the Belchertown School Department. Our goal is to offer council on and support of technology-related solutions to facilitate the challenging task of educating Belchertown's students. With that goal in mind, in the coming months we will be coordinating the installation of a new computer network at Jabish Brook Middle School to be completed for the upcoming school year.

Every project we undertake, no matter what the scope, is always rooted in the same philosophy. As in years past, our goal continues to be to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which Belchertown's employees can serve its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Malandrinos
MIS Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 101 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 50 of these were Requests for Determination and 44 were Notices of Intent, one was for a permit extension, three for Amended Orders of Conditions, one for an Administrative Hearing, to deal with an outstanding enforcement issue and two hearings for Abbreviated Notices for Resource Area Delineations. The Commission issued three Emergency Certificates, for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year. There are many subdivisions currently under construction and extensive site visits have occurred to monitor these projects. The Commission has also reviewed the application for the Resource Area Delineation for the Ingate Farm and conducted numerous site visits on this property. In addition, the Commission is continuing to monitor the progress of the Cold Spring Golf Course and the application filed by the Tri-lakes Watershed Association for the herbicide treatment of Holland Pond, to control invasive, non-native aquatic plant species. The Commission has dealt with numerous enforcement issues and has issued three Enforcement Orders. Some enforcement matters have been outstanding for some time and the Commission has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission is also working on our current Wetland Regulations, their review and final update to be submitted for 2005.

The year 2004 has been a very busy and productive year for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with Town officials on numerous and extensive projects. The Conservation Commission has taken advantage of numerous grant opportunities this past year. The Commission has applied for a $261,800.00 grant through the Self-help Grant program, for the purchase of the Topping Farm property, located on Orchard Street. The Commission is currently working with local land trusts to raise the additional $123,200.00 needed to purchase this property. The Commission is contacting private foundations and writing grant applications, to help raise the remaining matching donations.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation Commission has completed and revised our Open Space and Recreation Plan. The 2002 Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) update is a statement of the current priorities of Belchertown's Town boards, officials, and citizens for natural resource protection and recreation. The purpose of this plan was to revise the original 1986 OSRP plan - to update the 1995 OSRP and reassess the open space, recreation, and natural resource protection needs and priorities for the next five years (2002-2007), to carry Belchertown well into the 21st century. In addition, the Belchertown's Wetlands Map has also been updated and the new 2004 Town Assessor's maps reflect the new Resource Area Delineations.

Topping Farm

This past year, the Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Conservation Commissioner Alfred Gallant, after providing over four years of service to the Town. Kurt Nelson, an existing Associate Commission member was appointed to fill the vacant Commissioner position. In addition, Jay Fitzgerald and Thomas Psyris were both appointed new Associate Commission members.

The Commission worked with Boy Scout Troop 57, for an Eagle Scout project for the renovations and improvements to the Jabish Brook Conservation Area, one of our most popular Conservation Areas. The work included the re-blazing of the existing trail, brush clearing, trash pick-up, repairing and re-building crossings and the preparation of a trail guide. Our Conservation Areas are very important to the Town and the Commission is looking forward to partnering with other organizations to help maintain and upgrade these areas.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2005 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect even more valuable resource areas and open space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, non-profit land trusts, state agencies and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Bruce Tolpa, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Kurt Nelson, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
Patrick Lund, Associate Commissioner
Jay Fitzgerald, Associate Commissioner
Thomas Psyris, Associate Commissioner
Donna Lusignan, Clerk
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Mission of the Council on Aging is:

- to identify the total needs of the senior population in Belchertown,
- to educate seniors in the area of health, welfare, finances and personal well-being,
- to design, promote, implement and coordinate services to meet the needs of seniors,
- to assist in the promotion and development of intergenerational activities for seniors within the community, and
- to provide an array of services and activities which are accessible to seniors and visitors.

At its annual reorganization in June 2004, the Council elected Joan Poole as Chairman, succeeding Marian Panto in that office. Also at that time Selectman Alfred Roccanti replaced Selectman Michael Reardon as the Board of Selectmen's liaison to the Council on Aging. Other members of the Council are Josephine Fitzgerald, Vice Chairman and Clerk; Sally Dodge, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Charlene Forgue, and William Kimball.

Doris Dickinson and Millie Christenson chose to step down as Council members last June at the end of their three-year terms. We thank them for their valuable insights and contributions to our efforts. We are sorry to lose their participation!

Some time ago the Council had voted to reduce its membership from 11 members to 9 members, effective July 2004. It had been functioning with 10 members as the result of an earlier vacancy. The Selectmen voted to change the Council membership from 9 members to 7 members. As a result of that change, Dr. James Collard, who had served as the Council's Clerk for many years, was not reappointed at the end of his term. Thank you to Dr. Collard for his participation and support.

In September the Board of Selectmen issued, for the first time ever, a formal Charge to the Council on Aging. This document clearly identifies and defines the Council's role and responsibilities with regard to promoting the interests of all elders and operating the Senior Center.

Some of the Council's major endeavors during this past year are discussed below.

Assisted Living

The Council on Aging formed a subcommittee in 2000, charged with bringing an Assisted Living Facility to Belchertown. This group has been working diligently with the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) and with a developer selected in 2001.

During this past year the Assisted Living Committee has met many times with the developer, Planning Board, Town Planner, EDIC and the developer's engineers. The efforts of the Committee have started to bear fruit as a specific program for the development of some 35 acres of the former State School land and buildings is taking shape.
The developer proposes to build sixty age-restricted condo units in conjunction with a 60-unit affordable Assisted Living Facility, to be built using two former State School buildings (the Infirmary and Hospital) which would be fully renovated and modernized during the construction project. The developer proposes obtaining state and federal funding to subsidize 50% of the units for persons of low or moderate means.

Three additional "cottages" will next attract the attention of the committee as it assists the developer in locating businesses compatible with this senior community for a process defined as "Aging in Place" – from condo to Assisted Living, with a possible respite facility, here in Belchertown. Two youth ball fields will be included by the developer, offering intergenerational activities for the senior residents.

Para-Transit Van Service

Para-Transit Van Services are provided by the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority (PVTA) for seniors who lack transportation of their own. Operated locally by subcontractor Hulmes Transportation, this service is invaluable for those who need assistance in getting to shopping areas, doctors offices, and hospitals. The Council on Aging has worked hard to maintain this service, both through a van owned and operated by the Council, and through efforts in support of the PVTA.

With support from the Council, the PVTA operates the local commuter bus that runs from Pine Valley to the Senior Center, medical offices in town, and to shopping areas (including Wal-Mart and Big Y in Ware), thus enabling many seniors to conduct necessary aspects of daily living.

The State and PVTA funding for Para-Transit was reduced this year and the user fees were increased significantly, causing a burden on those elders who depend on this service. The Council, as a goal for the upcoming year, will work towards restoration to previous levels of Para-Transit funds from the State and PVTA.

Goals and Objectives

The Council has set up a process to establish measurable Goals and Objectives for itself and Senior Center Staff. The Board of Selectmen mandated the Council to develop this process, and the Council spent many hours in thoughtful and far-ranging discussions, including input from staff of the Senior Center, addressing this matter.

For the coming year, the Council has agreed to seven goals that it will be working on in order to improve broad services to the community's seniors. The next stage of the process is to define monetary needs to be brought to the attention of the Selectmen and Finance Committee during the FY06 budget process. Should the Town be unable to provide the resources to achieve these goals, the Council is determined to seek assistance in other ways that will enable it to carry out its defined goals and objectives in support of improved services for Belchertown's senior population.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Poole, Chairman
Council on Aging

BELCHERTOWN SENIOR CENTER - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population of Belchertown. The majority of these services are provided through the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). An Executive Director manages day-to-day operations.

The Senior Center provides services not only to seniors but families in town. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Care Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach efforts, as well as Social Services remain a major unseen facet of the Council on Aging. Privacy and Confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. As a result, many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. We have now added a direct line to Social Services (323-0675). Advocacy for our current and ever growing elder population is also a major focus of this department. Some of the areas where individuals may need assistance include obtaining appropriate insurance, prescription coverage/options, homecare providers, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. Coordination with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses continues to grow. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority as we face fiscally troubling times.

This past year we expanded our grant funded Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from local citizens and businesses. This program provided 900 hours of service to over 40 seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of rural transportation services once they do not drive. Our companions do not just provide transportation they go along with the senior on these errands. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point.

Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritiously balanced hot meals are cooked on site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes throughout the year. During the FY04 period, area seniors enjoyed in excess of 11,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. Our Home Delivered Meal Program served 35,000 meals this past year. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot 7 days a week, 363 days a year to the most fragile and needy of elders. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

Bill Korzenowski, Director (left) and Gerald Grasso, Selectman (right) award Colleen Harris the Volunteer of the Year Award. Ms. Harris organized a music program at the Senior Center.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers.

During FY04, our handicapped accessible van transported over 140 different seniors on over 4000 individual trips. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors enjoy access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Care Program at the Center also receive transportation. The Director was able to secure a grant through the Department of Construction and Transportation, which allowed us to replace our former van.

Our regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, exercise classes, line dancing, senior chorus, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, scrap booking group, a senior band and sing-a-long. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. We have added pitch, Mah Jongg and a book discussion group. Short-term instructional opportunities have included tile painting, glass etching, and mobile making classes. We have a Koffee Korner get together, day trips, and a travel club operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association.

Our "Wellness" programming has also been expanded. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. We renovated an additional space in the rear of the building to allow an expanded offering of exercise programs. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Reservations of equipment are permitted. Our Flex & Tone exercise program continues to be popular. We have recently begun our second YOGA class and now have both day and evening classes. Tai Chi will be offered beginning in January 2005. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic, which serves over 200 seniors. The greater utilization of this adjoining space points out the need to construct a long planned connector between the two buildings for safety and convenience.

We have upgraded our computer room through the purchase of 4 slightly used computers. The purchase was made with the small fees charged for classes, which were generously donated back to the program by our volunteer instructor. Classes are offered daily and there is always access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area.

We "renovated" our lobby area this past year, removing partition walls, and reconfiguring the use of the space to open more areas for use by seniors. These changes have greatly increased social interaction and allowed us to develop a casual computer area and homey feel to the dining, library, and expanded seating areas.

Our intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. These include a "Caring and Sharing" program, foster grandparents, and community service opportunities for older students. We wish to thank Mr. Clark from the Tadgell School for the wonderful tomato plants which he and his students provided for the seniors for the second year. We also wish to thank the students from the National Honor Society for their efforts in providing yard clean ups for our seniors in the Spring and Fall.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizational, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. The Alzheimer's Association has continued to offer programs at the Senior Center for Caregivers. We have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

The past three Christmas Seasons we have been involved with several community churches and organizations to provide gifts and much needed gift certificates from local businesses to seniors who are alone or in need. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

The SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) Council & TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. We have had monthly visits from the Belchertown Police providing information on a variety of topics. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home.

Volunteers continue to remain a major asset to the Senior Center. Regular volunteers range in age from as young as 12 years old to individuals in their 80's. Last year, over 100 people were recognized for their service to seniors. Over 13,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of $135,000.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. There is also a need for additional staff in the Social Service Department. This one-person department cannot keep up with the requests for services. Belchertown may appear to be a middle class community on the surface. However we see that increasing property taxes, prescription drug costs, and the high costs of in home services leave many seniors in our community facing decisions to choose between heat, food, and medicine. We attempt to help them find resources to meet these needs, but too many times there is no answer to their problems or way to meet their needs. In the year ahead, we hope to involve more areas of the community in developing a plan to help meet these needs. We have added several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. We would like to expand evening programming to better serve seniors who have daytime responsibilities but staffing issues stand in the way of this goal.

The Belchertown Council on Aging Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. Thank you for this support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Korzenowski, Executive Director
Belchertown Senior Center

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Belchertown Cultural Council has the following eight members:

Chair: Ljuba Marsh
Secretary: Mary Ellen Miller
Treasurer: Claire Baldwin
Members: Sharon Cady-Harrison
Joyce Harper
Melanie Lewis
Arose Nielsen

This year we added one new member: Claire Baldwin a writer and teacher.

This year we received notice of $2,690.00 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to use for administrative expenses and grants for programs in the arts, sciences and humanities during FY 2005.

Prior to our review of applications, we conducted a survey of Belchertown residents to determine desired activities. We placed surveys in the Belchertown Sentinel, at the Clapp Memorial Library, The Belchertown Copy Store, The Spa, and handed them out at the Belchertown Fair. The responses we received were consistent in requests for musical concerts, historical events and nature programs. We used this information during our selection process.

We reviewed 24 grant requests. 15 grant applications did not follow our posted initial requirements and were rejected. At our November 8, 2004 meeting, we prioritized grants that would take place at a Belchertown site, meet the identified needs, and engage the largest number of residents.

We selected the following seven grants:

1. Discover the Wonder of Nature/ Belchertown Family Center: $400.00
2. Civil War Encampment and Living History Days/Belchertown Historical Association: $450.00
3. Good Habits Are Hard to Break/ Belchertown Family Center: $500.00
4. Unseen Borders: Stories Sign and Voice/Clapp Library: $495.00
5. Mid-Winter Storytelling/Tom McCabe/Belchertown Congregational Church: $275.00
6. Remarkable Visitors From Ancient Greece/Friends of PVPA/Chestnut Hill Community School: $304.00
7. Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra/Springfield Symphony/Belchertown Public Schools: $250.00

We held $16.00 for administrative expenses.

LCC Grant Funds:	$2690.00
Selected Grants (7)	$2674.00
Administrative Funds	$ 16.00
Total:	$2690.00

This year we scheduled meetings at least once a month. We continue to examine ways to enhance the arts, humanities and science programs in Belchertown.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION

The Belchertown Economic Development Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property.

During the last year, BEDIC moved closer to realization of a long-discussed Assisted Living facility coupled with age restricted "55 and older" condos by signing a Purchase and Sale Agreement. The Planning Board has agreed to present to Town Meeting a zone change to Village Residential, which will correct a zoning error and allow the development to use less land which will preserve open space.

BEDIC also sold lots 4 & 5, which will allow the start of Phase I road and utility construction in the spring and create additional real estate tax base while retaining a current business in Town. BEDIC also executed a Purchase and Sale Agreement on lot 1 and a portion of lot 2, which will allow the installation of a garden center this spring. Negotiations continue on other potential contracts

The governor signed into law legislation that allows the BEDIC to receive or borrow public funds. We now can apply for State grants and low interest or no interest public funds.

In December, through the MGL Request for Proposal procedures, the BEDIC engaged Hunter Interests Inc., to conduct a feasibility study of a tourism destination development based on local assets and consistent with the character of Belchertown. A State Grant, secured by our legislative team, will fund the cost of this study. If feasibility is demonstrated, Hunter will also assist with developer solicitation and implementation.

Directors:
William Terry, Vice Chair
Richard Steiner
Jonathan Spiegel
Lloyd Chadbourne, Jr.
Loy Harris
Kirk Stephens
Rich Kump

Associate Directors:
George Synan
Woody Sherman

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Town of Belchertown Department of Emergency Medical Services provides Emergency Medical Services to the residents and visitors of Belchertown 24-hours a day from our location at 9 East Walnut Street.

The Belchertown EMS Department operates on a set budget from the Town of Belchertown with revenue generated by transports being placed in an ambulance account reserved for appropriations. Belchertown Ambulance Service is a nonprofit municipal third service

The goal of this Department for many years has been to upgrade to the paramedic level. Since September 1, 2003, The Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services granted Belchertown EMS a license to operate all three of our ambulances at the Paramedic Level. With this authorization we are able to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care available to the citizens of Belchertown.
The Town of Belchertown was designated a “Heart Safe Community” by the American Heart Association, due to the level of Pre-Hospital care provided, CPR training, and availability of AEDs (Automatic External Defibrillators) available for Cardiac calls.

In October of 2004, per diem EMT Ryan Humason was hired full time. He is awaiting a State test to be certified as an EMT-Intermediate. This will bring our full time staff to consist of 2 Paramedics and 2 EMT-Intermediates.

With an additional staff of part-time and per diem Basic, Intermediate and Paramedic level Emergency Medical Technicians the service responded to just over 1300 calls in 2004. Approximately 65% of these calls required ALS (Advanced Life Support) treatment and intervention. Belchertown EMS provides and receives mutual-aid services to the towns of Amherst, Ware, Palmer and Ludlow. Anytime an ambulance service is unable to cover an emergency ambulance call they request mutual-aid from the closest available ambulance service.

We provide services with 4 vehicles:

- Unit 45-R1- our front line ambulance is a 2003 Ford E-450, manufactured by American Emergency Vehicles.

- Unit 45-R2- Our second line ambulance is a 2000 Ford E-450, manufactured by American Emergency Vehicles.

- Unit 45-R3 Our back up ambulance is a 1996 E-350, manufactured by Marque Inc.

- Unit 45-R4 this unit is a 4-wheel drive ambulance with the ability to treat and transport a patient if needed. This unit was placed into service in July 2002 as a Licensed Class 5 ALS level Ambulance. This unit is a 1984 (former military) Chevy blazer and is used to gain access into off road areas and during inclement weather as an ALS/BLS response vehicle.

- Unit 45-C15- A 1996 Ford Crown Victoria is used as an administrative vehicle and a rapid response vehicle when additional assistance is needed during an emergency

Belchertown EMS is a certified training center for the AMERICAN SAFETY & HEALTH INSTITUTE and is a certified training site for the AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The EMT's from Belchertown EMS have provided the following training courses to the community in 2004.

- ❖ Basic First-Aid
- ❖ CPR for the Community & Workplace
- ❖ CPR- for professional rescuer
- ❖ Heart saver AED

This year's Departmental training consisted of:

- ❖ Privacy Practices
- ❖ Intermediate refresher
- ❖ CPR for Professional Rescuer
- ❖ Cardiac Defibrillation (AED)
- ❖ Advanced Cardiac Life Support
- ❖ 12 Lead EKG
- ❖ Physician Rounds/ Medical Control
- ❖ Hearing Impairment

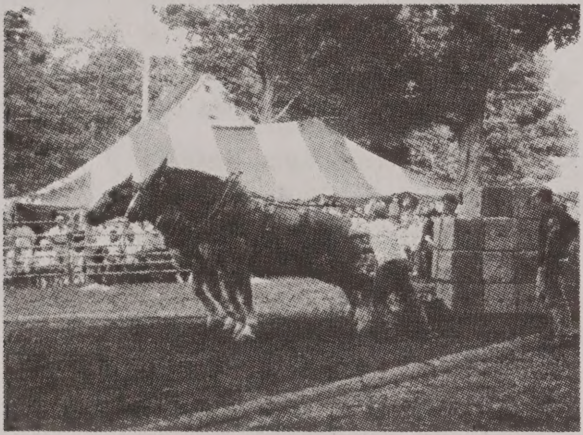
Belchertown Emergency Medical Services is committed to providing the best Pre-hospital care possible to our patients while increasing our level of training.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
Advanced Life Support Coordinator

FAIR AND PARADE COMMITTEE

The 147th Belchertown Fair will go down as one of the best ever. The theme "Remember When" challenged many resulting in outstanding entries into the Parade. There has never been better weather with just the right mix of warm days and cool nights. As in past years, a wide variety of nonprofit and youth groups from Town made this activity their #1 fund raiser. Vendor space was sold out again with a lengthy waiting list. There was something for everyone in the food department and plenty of great activities and music to entertain. Few complaints were heard through out the weekend. Mark Fanelli's Traveling Amusement Park provided amusements. Volunteers stepped forward providing hundreds of hours to assist the committee with the work of Fair week.



The horse pulls are a popular event at the Fair

Concern was raised about ride safety because of an accident in a neighboring town. Fair Committee and Town officials took this concern seriously. The state inspector came with local inspectors to make sure the rides were as safe as they could be. The police, fire and EMS department worked with the committee throughout the event to provide whatever was necessary. The highway and maintenance departments provided essential support in both set up and takes down.

This year was also notable for the return of the Frog jumping contest thanks to Terry Chevalier and family. There was a sufficient response to break the coming years entries into youth and adult classes. It was also notable in that the largest pumpkin grown in Belchertown was disqualified because it did not have the required pumpkin color. Although Jonathan Spiegel didn't win, his first attempt was spectacular and he will likely be back to try again. Winning weight this year was 216 lbs.

Preparations have already started for the 148th Belchertown Fair. Dates are September 23, 24 and 25. The theme is America the Beautiful.

The committee wants to thank the town for the continued support and participation that keeps this event growing. This event epitomizes the values that small town living represents. We are proud to continue the tradition and invite you to join us in this year's effort.

Committee members:
William Austin
Cindy Brown
Kevin Brown
Marguerite Brennen
Carla Chaisson
Kevin LaCroix
Peg Lourraine
Mark Nute
Cathy Terry

BELCHERTOWN FAMILY CENTER TOWN COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Family Center is primarily a volunteer run organization, with only one paid person, the center's facilitator. We obtain our operating funds through a small grant administered by the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, a utility budget from the Town of Belchertown, and many, many fundraisers. Approximately 2000+ hours a year are donated to the center via volunteer coordination of day-to-day operations, special events planning / implementation, fundraising, and early intervention / positive parenting programming. Conservatively, the volunteer hours should be valued at approximately $28,000.00. Also, please note that almost all of the volunteers are parents of children 6 and under with many working outside the home as well.

Belchertown Family Center hosted an Ice Cream Social on the Town Common.

We feel that though the hard work and diligence of the many volunteers, both past and present, the Belchertown Family Center has become an integral part of the community. We continue to grow by leaps and bounds. We currently have over 250 families that have participated in our playgroups and/or community events.

We have sponsored many programs, events, and field trips this past year. Some of these programs are offered in conjunction with partial grant funding from Hampshire Educational Collaborative, and we have held many fundraisers to try and offset the cost of the others. One of the larger programs we sponsored was Nature Preschool offered through the Hitchcock Center in Amherst. We also sponsored a 2 day Non Violent Communication Seminar featuring a nationally recognized speaker. We have held Family Fun Nights, Holiday Party's, Craft Events, the Annual Ice Cream Social, and of course we host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt along with many others. We have also begun coordinating events and programs with the Clapp Memorial Library and the Senior Center.

We are very proud to have achieved our "large" project goal by raising enough funds purchase playground equipment for children ages 1 - 6. The Town did not have any playgrounds geared toward this age group. Many area families had travel to other communities who do have this type of play structure and we felt it would be beneficial to the children in the community if we could build a playscape to achieve this goal. We are very thankful to both Florence Savings Bank and Easthampton Savings Bank for their substantial monetary contributions in helping us achieve this goal. We are also thankful for all the time, effort, labor, and materials which were donated by many others, to numerous to mention, that brought the project to competition. The play area has been used by many, many children and families. We feel it is both a great success for the Family Center and the Town of Belchertown to have such a play area available for the community to use and enjoy.

In addition to the above, we also generate an informative monthly newsletter which is distributed to over two hundred area families. The newsletter contains information on upcoming events, craft and healthy snack ideas, birth notices, positive parenting pointers and a family health column contributed by Dr.'s Anne Weaver and Kate Atkinson.

We continue to feel that the Belchertown Family Center is a valuable community service and resource for families with children ages birth though six. We feel strongly that by investing in children when they are young and supporting families throughout these formative years, we are assisting in laying the groundwork for a greater measure of success in school and social relationships. The center currently offers three weekly sessions for families and caregivers to drop in and enjoy a safe, fun filled environment to play, interact, participate in arts and craft activities, and learn. We also offer early intervention programs and community outreach services. Although we request a fee of $3.00 per visit, or $40.00 per semester for unlimited visits, the center is open to all regardless of their ability to pay.

We wish to thank the Town and community of Belchertown for their continued support of the Belchertown Family Center.

Respectfully submitted,

The Belchertown Family Center Town Committee
Denise Daly, Chairperson
Richard Poissant
Dr. Kate Atkinson
Karen Horak

BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has had another successful year. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary dedication to the community. This is accomplished through efforts of the firefighters, their families, our Town Officials and the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and most of all, our great citizens of Belchertown.

Through the continuing and generous support of the citizens at a special town meeting, the fire department received funding to purchase a new Ford Super Duty 350 to replace another outdated Forestry Truck. In 2003 we upgraded a Forestry Truck as well, and now with two new and dependable trucks the department is grateful and satisfied for several years to come.

The department was also benefited from a $203,000 dollar grant from the Federal Government. This is the second grant we have received from them in less than four years. This funding will improve much of our safety equipment such as portable radio communications, personal protective clothing, new self-contained breathing apparatus, and a high-pressure air compressor to fill our breathing air bottles.

The dedicated men and women that provide the quality and professionalism that the Town relies on in their fire department continue to train weekly on new technology and advance training practices. The department holds over 55 training sessions a year, or one a week, which makes Belchertown firefighters an exemplary force.

The vast amount of development along with our increased population and the large geographical area that we cover has continued to hamper our response times to incidents. As for a volunteer department our response times to an emergency call would be considered reasonable for this type department. However a Nationally recognized response standard would deem this unacceptable. Our firefighters are quality trained and experienced, the department only lacks a quicker response time from inadequate full-time staffing. Full-time firefighters would not replace the existing call/volunteer department, but would add to the benefits of combining resources to give the citizens that quicker response which could be that key factor between life, death, and property conservation. I continuously reiterate this important information, and will continue my ongoing pledge for funding to bring Belchertown into the twenty-first century.

Fire Prevention and Education activities still continue to increase with little relief. The increase of home construction, commercial sites, and many new proposals create inspection demands and added services that overburden this department's full-time staff. More full-time staff is needed and must be considered in the near future.

There was a 20% increase of inspections in 2004 from just a year ago. Additional hours or increased staffing will need to be addressed during the budget process, as the work load will not decrease with new laws and codes being adopted each year.

It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment the Citizens make to this department, and the benefits that the fire department can provide back to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Members of the Belchertown Fire Department are:

Chief Fire Inspector
Capt. John Workman

Deputy Chiefs
Hugh Hubbard
James Hodgen

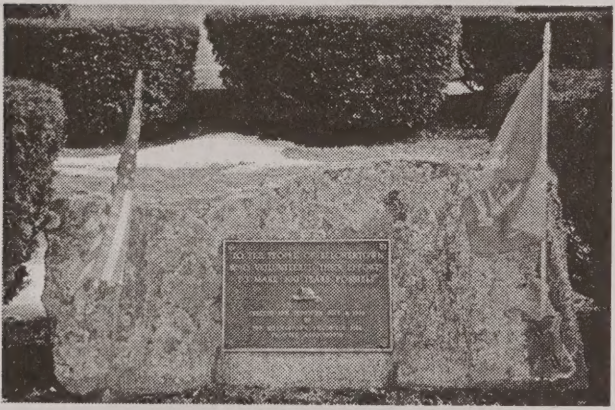
Captains
Timothy Lofland
Bruce Officer
Richard McGinnis
Robert Hodgen

Lieutenants
Edward D. Fuller
David Auchter
Tom Cooke
Ronald Beaver
Max Bock

Firefighters
David Gay
Sam Joyal
Donald Thayer
Edward L. Fuller
Jeff Hodgen
Scott Cameron
Edward Knight
Scott Rae
Matt Rivest
Jeremy Gemme
Mark Lavallee
Mike Beaupre
Patrick McMorrow
Scott Chapman
Thomas Giguere
William Shattuck, Jr.
Paul Tierney
Michael Samson
Ted Covill
Paul Salvatore
Darryn Beaudry
Paul Greene
Leonard Boisjolie
Jeff Scott
Matthew Gemme
John Racine
Herbert Wood
Patience Monty
Gilbert Ocasio

Auxiliary Firefighters
Jon Ritter
Josh Pringle
Jeff Haughey
Robert Ladd Sr.

Types of Responses 2004	
Structure Fires	27
Vehicle Fires	13
Vehicle Extrication	12
Wildland Fires	40
CO Alarms	13
Hazardous Spills	31
Faulty Appliance	137
Sounding Alarms	05
Assist Police / EMS	09
Assist Homeowner	16
Mutual Aid	07
Total	**317**



Inspections and Permits	
Open Burning	848
Smoke Detector	390
Oil Burner	208
Propane Storage	160
Underground Tank Removal	15
Fuel Storage	03
Blasting	17
Total	**1641**

BOARD OF HEALTH

Communicable Disease Report 2004

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 2004

Animal Bites:	
Cat bites	3
Dog bites	12
Rat bite	1

Reportable Diseases:

Lyme disease	2	Hepatitis A	1
Chicken Pox	1	Meningitis	1
Salmonella	1	Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	1		

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine & isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk.

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Registered Nurses from Baystate Visiting Nurse Association. The Board has a contract with that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health

2004 Permit Activity

The following is a list of the various permits that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2004.

87	Well Permits (84 new const.; 3 replacements)
142	Septic Permits (85 new const.; 57 repairs)
29	Food Establishment Permits
7	Limited Food Establishment Permits
16	Retail Food Permits
0	Residential Kitchen Permit
15	Massage Therapy Licenses
5	Tanning Unit Permits
2	Ecology Can Permit
1	Funeral Director License
7	Hauler's Permits
1	Public Pool Permit
1	Public Spa Permit
6	Temporary Food Permits
25	Belchertown Fair Temporary Food Permits
0	Mobile Food Permit
0	Day Camp Permit
0	Piggery License
2	Frozen Dessert License
1	Mobile Home License
14	Tobacco Retail Permits
43	Installer's Permits
36	Milk and Cream Licenses
2	Bakery

Respectfully Submitted,
Colleen Aberdale, Senior Clerk

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 2004.

	Belcher-town	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes & Soil Evaluations	155	85	23
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	84	47	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	58	29	10
Septic Installation Inspections & Re-inspections	174	88	9
Well Application Review	87	N/A	2
Housing Inspections (upon complaint) & Re-inspections	15	42	2
Housing Re-inspections	26	114	6
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon request)	0	15	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	1	0
Condemnation (# of units)	2	6	0
Food Establishment Inspections	65	115	4
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	30	15	0
Nuisance Complaints	12	37	2
Court Appearances	1	5	0
Housing Hearings	2	1	1
Recreational Camp Inspections	0	0	0
Tanning Salon Inspections	0	6	0
Massage Therapy Inspections	3	2	0
Tattoo Inspections	0	0	0
Pool & Sauna Inspections	2	0	0
Beaver Complaint	4	4	2
West Nile Virus Bird Sampling	0	1	0
Board Meetings	12	12	10
Total: 1429 activities District-wide			

Revenue Generated by Activities: Totals Per Town

Number of activities performed in Belchertown:	732
Amount of revenue generated in Belchertown by BOH	$53,716.00
Amount submitted to the Belchertown Treasurer:	$53,716.00
Number of activities performed in Ware	625
Amount of revenue generated in Ware by BOH	$49,802.43
Amount submitted to the Ware Treasurer:	$49,802.43
Number of activities performed in Pelham:	72
Amount of revenue generated in Pelham by BOH	$2,955.00
Amount submitted to the Pelham Treasurer:	$2,955.00

Grant Revenues Received: Totals Per Town

Public Health Emergency Preparedness-MA Dept of Public Health/Homeland Security	
Belchertown	$7,272.50
Ware	$6,201.15
Pelham	$3,000.00

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2004, the main agenda items discussed by the Board were the 2005 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative / clerical personnel at both locations as well.

An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. In the year 2004, much focus was again placed on emergency event training and preparation. All three communities belong to the Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, with the Director of Public Health sitting on the Executive Committee.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Randall Gauley, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; Colleen Aberdale, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alteration within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 100 Historic District Commissions operating in Massachusetts, administering over 200 Local Historic Districts.
Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district

Historic District Commissions are at the front line of preservation in Massachusetts. The review authority and oversight they have is a very effective method of preservation. In fact, our own Historic District was created because of the concern that there was significant change happening within the area of the town common--several buildings had been moved to other areas of town, one had been demolished.

- During the past year we held six public hearings regarding proposed work within the Historic District. We issued five certificates of appropriateness and one certificate of hardship.
- The Board of Selectmen, acting upon a request by several residents of the town, asked our commission to conduct a preliminary study into creating an additional historical district in the Federal Street area. As part of the preliminary study, we sent letters to all

residents and property owners within the proposed district to explain the idea and to solicit their input. On May 18, we held a public forum to answer questions and see if there was interest in going forward with this idea. Local historians Doris Dickinson and Cliff McCarthy spoke about the significance of this area and its history as the original business district in Belchertown. The end result of the public forum was that, a significant number of property owners in the Federal Street area did not want to go forward with establishing a historic district in this area.

With funding that was remaining in our budget, we were able to make another printing of a *Walking Guide to the Historic District*. It was available at the Town Hall, Carriage Town Bed and Breakfast, Cold Spring Wine and Spirits and Swift River Crafts.

- Beth A. Behn who contributed much to our group over the course of two years accepted a teaching position at West Point. As a result we accepted her resignation in June. We wish her the best of luck in her new job...she has been greatly missed.
- In March Peter Roberts was appointed to fill the realtor seat that had been vacant on our commission. At the same time, Jonathan Spiegel was appointed to fill the Architect Seat on the Commission. In September Rob Condon was appointed to fill the resident-at-large seat on the board. Also, Christine Harper and Thomas Psyris were appointed as associate members to the Commission.
- For the second year in a row the Historic District Commission presented its annual preservation awards in June. This has become an annual event for properties located within the historic district. The property owner's chosen were recognized for their efforts in safeguarding the historic integrity of their homes for future generations to enjoy. Those presented with awards, in the form of historic markers for their properties were:

  - Joan and Steve Stoia,
    Carriage Towne Bed and Breakfast
    17 Main Street
    The Jonathan Grout House

  - John and Janice Collis
    17 Maple Street
    William Burnett House

  - Carol and Edward Mierzewski
    35 Maple Street
    Rev. Henry Blake House

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the state. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre, Chair
Annie Steiner
Jonathan Spiegel
Peter Roberts
Rob Condon

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Membership - 2004:

Leslie E. Squires - Chairman
Genevieve Schreiber - Secretary
Ethel M. Brunson
Janet M. Cope
Patricia A. Lalli
Bonnie Strickland
F. Knowlton Utly
Judith Fuller Gillan - Associate Member
Loy Harris - Associate Member

This year saw Kenneth F. Kitchell, Jr. leave the Belchertown Historical Commission and Judith Fuller Gillan became an associate member. We welcomed Janet Cope and Patricia Lalli as new members.

This year the Belchertown Historical Commission continues to work on mapping the cemeteries in Belchertown. We are working Mount Hope Cemetery. About half of the cemetery has had the names and dates recorded. The head stones still have to be photographed. Once the photographs have been taken, they along with the written documentation will be put in book form. The eventual goal is to put all the information into a computer. This will allow people easier access to research grave locations. All this will be submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

The Commission is also working on a proposed by-law that would delay the destruction of old historic buildings. This by-law is being designed so the owner has an option to save the building or at least notify the Commission so the Commission can document the building before it is destroyed.

This year the Commission installed bronze plaques on two historic buildings. The first was the Clark / Jepson House located at 270 Jackson Street. Caleb Clark is said to have started the first store in town. Caleb Clark Jr. built the present structure about 1820. In about 1844 the farm was purchased by Orin Jepson. It remained in his families name until 1916 when it was sold to become part of the Belchertown State School.

The other plaque was put on Filer's Carriage Shop. This is located at 5 North Main Street. This building was used as a repository or as a show room. In the 1940's and 50's it housed Kimball's Appliances. It was last use was as A.J. Moriarty Heating.

Respectfully submitted by,

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Historical Commission

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued 108 single-family new construction building permit applications during the year 2004, fifteen more than the 2003 figure of 93. The total number of building permits for the year totaled 531. This includes all single-family homes, additions, demolitions, sheds, garages, barns, etc.

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Paul Choiniere continues to serve as primary Electrical Inspector and Douglas Rae is serving as Assistant Electrical Inspector.

Construction for the new St. Francis Church located on Jabish Street was completed, as was the Footloose Studio for Dance located at 147 State Street.

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD

Members of the Board

The Board started the calendar year with four members: Mitchell Vincent; Daniel Beaudette; Helen Andrews and Steven Syriac. Helen Andrews moved to Ware in May 2004, and submitted a letter of resignation; however, this letter became misdirected and the Town did not know her status until December, when another resignation was submitted. During this period, her whereabouts were not known, and she did not participate as an active member of the Board. Mr. Vincent resigned in June. Effective with this resignation, the Board had only two members and could not present a working quorum. In September Simon James was appointed to the Board, reestablishing a working quorum. In October Terri Hazzard was appointed to the Board. The fifth Board member position is presently open and has been advertised to the public as available. The Board did not have a Chair until September, when member Daniel Beaudette was elected.

The present Board is composed of three white males and one white female.

Activities before the Board

The Town Clerk received three Applications for Certificates of Eviction on 8/2/04, from Attorney Alfred Albano, on behalf of Aquarius Water Company, Inc., d/b/a Sportshaven Mobile Home Park. The applications were complete, but the Board could not take action because it did not have a working quorum. With the appointment of Simon James, a quorum was established. A public hearing was held on the three applications on 9/23/04. The Board did not reach a determination, because of legal questions raised during its review, which were referred to town counsel for guidance and advice. An opinion was provided dated 10/20/04, that the Board could not approve the applications because the applicant, being the owner of the mobile home park, did not have a Town/Board of Health issued license to operate as a mobile home park. A public hearing was held on 10/28/04, to further review the applications. The Board did not reach a determination, deferring its decision to allow the applicant/owner to appear before the Board of Health and ask for reinstatement of its license. The Board of Health met with the applicant/owner on 12/6/04, but did not reach a determination, because of legal questions raised during its review, which were referred to town counsel for guidance and advice. The calendar year closed with final action on the three applications still pending.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan

There were no action items specifically addressed to the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board. The Board recognizes that affordable housing is a significant item in the plan and that (mobile) manufactured homes are an important part of providing low cost housing to our community. In this spirit, the Board has been trying to work with the owner of Sportshaven Mobile Home Park to preserve the availability of the low cost housing in that development.

Projects and Recommendations

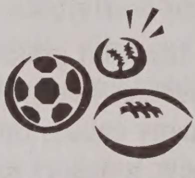
The Board expresses its concern that the failing infrastructure and failure to correct health code violations cited by state and local officials at the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park has created an unsuitable situation for its inhabitants. The owner appears to be without financial resources to address these concerns. This situation may become an active town concern should the present owner/management undergo a general business failure. The Board recommends that the Town review its options with town counsel, so a basic plan of action is available should a failure occur.

For the Board,

Daniel R. Beaudette, Chairman

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

With the continuing support of our loyal patrons and restructuring our budgets we have been able to continue to offer many different aquatic services. We are continuing to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, Scuba, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming 5 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools and local boys and girls scout troops continued to use the facility this past year. Water Safety Instructor Courses and American Red Cross and CPR/FPR training courses were offered in the spring and fall.



In the Spring of 2004 we continued our overall beautification of the town beach by adding new climbing toys for our young visitors, moving the concession stand closer to the water and adding a retaining wall. This past summers enjoyable weather along with special events held throughout the beach season helped to increase our daily attendance.

Even thought we continue to feel the effects of the budget cuts and most of our long range improvement and development plans have had to be put on the back burner we continue to be able to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. By trimming some corners and the invaluable help of volunteers we were still able to hold weeklong clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. Summer programs for ages 3 to 15 enjoyed such programs as art classes, baton, Take-A-Hike, wrestling, biking, Canoeing, golfing and jr. bikers. Two new programs that were introduced last summer were again very successful this past season (MAD Science Week and Adventure Week). We survived our 12th annual basketball tournament with no delays from Mother Nature. The 14th annual baseball tournament also went off this past summer with no weather delays. Unfortunately Mother Nature caught up with us for the 14 Annual Golf Tournament with heavy rains causing us to limit the tournament to just 9 holes.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

PLANNING BOARD

Residential development in 2004 remained consistent with recent years. The Inspection Services report has a breakdown of new house building permits issued for the year. Non-residential development was steady. The Planning Board reviewed applications and plans that included several commercial expansions new commercial projects.

The Planning Board continues to encourage the community to get more involved in guiding the direction of the town's growth. There is much going on and everyone is affected.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Eighty-eight new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. This is 19 more ANR lots than last year. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

No. Washington St.	8
Granby Road	7
Ludlow Road	6
Railroad Street	6
Bay Road	5
Alden Avenue	4
Chauncey Walker St.	4

South Liberty Street	4
Summit Street	4
Aldrich Street	3
Franklin Street	3
Jackson Street	3
Munsell Street	3
North Liberty Street	3
Pine Street	3
Stebbins Street	3
Warren Wright Road	3
Mill Valley Road	2
Sabin Street	2
Shea Avenue	2
So. Washington St.	2
West Street	2
Amherst Road	1
Boardman Street	1
Gold Street	1
Rockrimmon Road	1
Turkey Hill Road	1
Ware Road	1

Preliminary Subdivision Plans: The Planning Board reviewed four preliminary subdivision plans during 2004. A preliminary subdivision plan is an opportunity for a developer and the Planning Board to negotiate a project in its early stages before the binding obligations of a definitive subdivision submittal. Preliminary plans are not required for residential subdivisions, but are required for all non-residential subdivisions. A preliminary plan in many ways protects a developer by prompting a "freeze" on certain regulatory changes that may take effect within a certain amount of time. As long as the preliminary plan is followed by the submittal of a definitive plan within seven months, changes such as zoning or subdivision regulations do not apply to that project. This is true even if the Planning Board does not approve a preliminary plan. The four preliminary plans reviewed in 2004 were all plans for residential subdivisions.

Definitive Subdivision Plans: Five definitive subdivision plans were reviewed during 2004. One of these plans was denied approval, and the other four were approved. The approved subdivisions are Emily Lane, a twelve lot dead-end off Stebbins Street, which includes dedicated open space; Meadow Pond Road, off Ware Road, a sixteen-lot dead-end with dedicated open space; Pheasant Run, off Chauncey Walker Road, a nine-lot dead-end with dedicated open space; and High Bluff Road, off Franklin Street, a cluster subdivision with two dead-end roads, twenty-four lots, and dedicated open space.

One approved subdivision was amended by its new developers. This is Center Street, by the post office. The road length was reduced.

The Planning Board monitored 11 other subdivisions under construction during 2004. Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were processed.

Completed Subdivisions: Dana Woods was completed in 2004.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications. Site plans included several small commercial building expansions and several retail and office building additions. The Planning Board granted special permits for two common drives, one off Rockrimmon Road, and the other off Ludlow Road.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

- The Planning Board recommended some revisions to the zoning bylaw to town meeting. Other parties requested changes to the zoning bylaw and map, which requires the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.
- The Planning Board worked with the Selectmen to administer the Commonwealth's mandated programs. Executive Order 418 was issued by Governor Cellucci and continued by Governors Swift and Romney. Each year the town is required to be certified annually to show that progress is being made to add "affordable" housing – the definition is loose, in that "affordable" in this program is anything less than $249,000. The penalty for the town not being certified is that we would be scored negatively in application for any grants administered by the state. As the library, EDIC, and other groups in town apply for such grants, it is important that we keep certified. Governor Romney's administration began its Commonwealth Capital program, which results in a similar scoring system for the town. This program requires the town to submit an extensive application to demonstrate how various growth goals are being worked on. These include economic development efforts, affordable housing strategies, open space conservation, and development plans, to list some of the requirements. This application was submitted in September.

Compliance With the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board continued implementing the recommendations of the Community Plan. Some of the actions include:

- Encouraged developers to include more open space and preserved land in their projects.
- Worked with the EDIC and selectmen on planning for the former state school.
- Supported legislative redrafting of Massachusetts' land use laws.

Other Work of the Planning Department:

The Town Planner continues to oversee the town's Geographic Information System (GIS). There is an Internet version of the GIS, accessible via the town's web site. The main system continues to be updated, though funding has not been available to expand it to more departments.

The Planning Board's web site linked via the town hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues.

Board Membership:

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

- Daniel Beaudette, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2005);
- Joe Gilman, Clerk (term expires: 2006);
- Elizabeth Chase, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2007);
- James Barry, (term expires: 2008);
- James Natle, Vice Chair (re-elected in 2004 --term expires: 2009);
- George Synan, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits; (appointed annually)
- Joanne Shimkin, Associate Member (appointed annually)
- William Gubb, Associate Member (appointed annually)

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary;
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,
Douglas Albertson, Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Police Department continued to remain proactive in 2004, providing quality services to the residents of Belchertown. Our department's call volume and activity continues to increase each year.

Our dispatch center received 13,625 calls for services; an increase of approx 22% from the previous year. We received 1,665 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 487 arrests, for a total of 882 incidents. Officers issued 3305 motor vehicles violations. This included 1486 civil violations, 1719 warnings, and 100 arrests/ criminal violations. The police department investigated 294 motor vehicle accidents.

The police department continues to offer several community based- policing programs through a community police grant received yearly from the Massachusetts

Executive Office of Public Safety. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, and the Citizen Police Academy.

The 11-week citizen police academy programs enables the residents to meet and be instructed by Belchertown Officers and learn about various aspects of police work. The program is offered twice a year. This program continues to receive overwhelming response, and continues to be a major component of our department's community policing programs.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high school assisting staff and students, which has been met with great success. The officer has been funded by a grant from the Department of Justice which has just recently completed its funding. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within are school district. The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; most recently a 7th grade curriculum has been adopted and will be implemented in the middle school in the upcoming year. Both the police department and the School department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs. The Police Department continues to work with the community's senior population through the T.R.I.A.D program and the local S.A.LT (seniors and law enforcement working together) The police Department and the Senior center committee meet on a monthly basis and work on special projects throughout the course of the year, this group is always looking for and would welcome new members.

Belchertown Police Officers with cooperation of the Belchertown Recreation Department continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. Women and children continue to receive the programs with overwhelming response enthusiasm. The police department has plans to work with the school department to implement the RAD Kids program into the K-4 curriculum this coming year. The police department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior woman so they could receive classroom credit for the program.

Chief Francis Fox (left) and Officer Neil Lozier (right).

Officer Lozier is presented with a plaque in recognition of lifesaving action and exemplary service.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our communities' children. Safety seat checkpoints will be held throughout the course of this coming year. Residents may call the police department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department has written and received several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues.

The Belchertown Police Department was awarded a Homeland Security Grant this past year in order to upgrade our communication systems. This upgraded technology increased our department's capabilities to communicate more effectively with local and surrounding cities and towns Police, Fire and EMS services

The Belchertown Police Department this past year hired one additional part time police officer Michael Roney. The department presently has two recruit officers, John Raymer and Jason Krol attending five months of training at the Municipal Police Training Committee Academy at Agawam Massachusetts and they will be graduating in March 2005

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the police department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community

Respectfully submitted,
Francis R. Fox Jr., Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2004 proved to be a difficult but productive year for the Department of Public Works. Several years of lean budgets, exorbitant inflation, and ever increasing demands has hampered our ability to provide the volume of service we traditionally pride ourselves with. As a result, our service had to be focused on areas of absolute need. This will be reflected in the Department's activities outlined below:

Highway Division

As usual, the Highway Division's activities for the year ended much the same as they began - snow removal. During the 2003/2004 winter, crews responded to 23 storms which eventually dumped a total of 57.5 inches of snow and ice in our region. Clearing the roadways required approximately 1,636 tons of salt, 6,998 tons of sand, and countless hours of plowing. The final storm of the season ended late in March and with the rapid changes in the weather upon us, crews quickly focused on other activities.

At the forefront of these activities was the filling of potholes. Previous reductions in state aid used for the repair of roadways have caused our resurfacing schedules to fall behind resulting in more severe and widespread potholes. In an effort to keep the roads free of potholes, our crews placed approximately 1,210,000 pounds of bituminous concrete one shovel load at a time.

The Division also implemented a street sign replacement program in 2004, which is intended to eventually replace all our existing signs with new signs that are larger and easier to read. Working within our existing budget, this effort will take several years to complete.

The Divisions' resurfacing program received a boost this year, thanks to the Tri-Lakes Sewer Project.

Once the installation of the pipes was complete, all of the roads disturbed by the project were resurfaced. Together, with our normal resurfacing, a total of 9.36 miles of roadway were paved with bituminous concrete. Locations resurfaced during 2004 include:

Goodell Street	4300'
Old Farm Road	2060'
Warner Street	6300'
Old Farm Circle	900'
Michael Sears Road	4800'
Rita Lane	900'
Granby Road	3000'
Country Lane	630'
North Street	800'
Bay Road	7300'
Federal Street	7400'
Catherine Drive	630'
Metacomet Street	4960'
Chartier Drive	1000'
Metacomet Circle	265'
Poole Road	1955'
Town Beach Road	1500'
Allen Street	740'

Tree and Vegetation Control

Tree and vegetation control activities increased slightly in 2004, with tree removal and roadside mowing accounting for the majority. However, we were fortunate to receive additional donations that allowed us to continue with the tree replacement program which was implemented in 2003. During 2004, over $1,000 was donated bringing the total to almost $6,000 in just two years. Currently, 19 trees have been planted on the common and around the Town Hall, and we are hopeful to receive additional donations to allow the continuation of the program to other areas of the Town.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The staff at the Wastewater Treatment Plant continued to strive for the highest quality of effluent possible during 2004. The facility was responsible for the treatment of 126.2 million gallons of raw sewerage. This amount is below the 150.9 million gallons received in 2003, however, strict discharge parameters imposed by the Department of Environmental Protection and the Environmental Protection Agency offset these reductions and kept the central sewer district's rates at the 2003 level. Unfortunately, the south sewer district's rates increased significantly, as a result of increased disposal assessments for the Town of Palmer, and an overall reduction of the tax offset.

At the forefront of this Division's activity was the long awaited completion the Tri-Lakes Sewer Project. In total, over seven miles of sewer, two pump stations, and two odor control buildings, were constructed. The final cost for the project is $6,574,848.51. Although the project was nearly a year behind schedule, it cost well below the $7,710,000 estimated in 2001. Once the project was complete, the Tri-Lakes area residents began to connect the Town's sanitary sewer to their homes. In total, 40 new connections were completed.

This Division also inspected an additional 42 new connections elsewhere in Town, bringing the total new connections in 2004 to 82.

There were also staffing changes at the facility during 2004. First, Scott Hennessey was promoted from the position of Operator I to the position of Operator II. To fill the vacancy created by this promotion, Jeffrey Patenaude was appointed to the position of Operator I.

Buildings Maintenance Division

The buildings division is currently responsible for the upkeep of 32 Town owned buildings. Consequently, the majority of their time was spent performing routine maintenance activities. However, they also completed an impressive list of capital improvement projects. The highlights for 2004 included the completion of the addition at the maintenance garage, the installation of new furnaces at the highway garage and senior center, painting the exterior of the EMS building, the installation of a new rubber membrane roof at the Town Hall, the replacement of the air conditioning system at the Town Hall, the replacement of the potable water line to the Old Town Hall, and the completion of renovations to the reception area at the senior center. This Division ended the year planning projects for 2005, which include the construction of a new salt shed at the Highway Department, the replacement of the roof at the EMS building, and the construction of a garage at the Police Station.

Grounds Maintenance

The Grounds Maintenance Division is currently responsible for the maintenance of an estimated 200 plus acres of grounds, which encompass all of the town buildings including the schools, eleven soccer fields, nine baseball and softball fields, and two football fields. Consequently, their time was also spent mostly performing routine maintenance activities. In spite of this, they were also involved in several projects during 2004. This included the planting of several trees on the common and Town Hall grounds that were donated as part of the previously mentioned tree replacement program. However, the highlight of this year's projects would certainly be the support this division provided to the contractor performing the much needed repairs to the Civil War Monument on the common.

Many trees were planted in 2004.

This division also welcomes two new employees during 2004. Terry Chevalier and Robert Syrek, both joined the team as Ground Maintenance Laborer.

Transfer Station

Activity at the Town's Transfer Station increased during 2004. Approximately 1,869 households participated in our program, generating the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables:

- 27 tons of plastic
- 497 tons of paper & cardboard
- 118 tons of glass & metal
- 2190 gallons of waste oil556 tires
- 968 tons of solid waste

As a result of the continued patron support, careful management of our expenses, and rigorous enforcement of the facilities' rules and regulations, we are able and pleased to report the Transfer Station fees remained the same in 2004. In addition, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following pro-rated sticker fee schedule, to provide fees that represent the actual time a sticker is valid.

Permit for vehicles up to and including 3/4 ton pick-up trucks: $65.00

- effective June 1st – August 31st: $48.75
- effective September 1st – November 30th: $32.50
- effective December 1st – February 28th/29th: $16.25

For second vehicles registered at the same address: $20.00

- effective June 1st – August 31st: $15.00
- effective September 1st – November 30th: $10.00
- effective December 1st – February 28th/29th: $ 5.00

For senior citizens 65 years of age and over (proof of age required): $51.00

- effective June 1st – August 31st: $38.25
- effective September 1st – November 30th: $25.50
- effective December 1st - February 28th/29th: $12.75

Cemetery Division

During 2004 a total of 27 burials were conducted, 14 of which were cremations. Other routine activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, and headstone repair.

Concluding Statement

The Department of Public Works has always managed to complete every year successfully. None of this would have been possible without the continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and support.

Daniel Alexander, Laborer, WWTP
Cheryl Bishop, Administrative Assistant
Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Super.
Walter Bosworth, Highway Div. Foreman
Darin Braese, Highway Division Equipment Operator I
Kevin Brown, Grounds Maintenance Super.
Michelle Burns, Custodian
Ed Burton, Highway Division Operator I

Terry Chevalier DPW Laborer
David Clegg, Buildings Maintenance Worker
Robert Cole, Highway Division Supervisor
Robert Cole, Jr. Transfer Station Attendant
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Super.
Chris Elias, DPW Laborer
Edward Forgette, Highway Div. Mechanic
Debra Giammarino, Custodian
Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II
David Hodgen, Cemetery Worker
Tom Kirley, Highway Division Operator I
Rene LaFleche, Highway Div. Operator II
Denis Lessard, Highway Div. Operator II
Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
Joe Michalak, Transfer Station Foreman
Jeffrey Patnaude, WWTP Operator I
Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator I
Robert Syrek, DPW Laborer
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Respectfully submitted,
Steven J. Williams
Director of Public Works

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

The 2004 school year could be characterized as the continuation of overall high and improved school district state MCAS test scores, additional student enrollment growth with an increase in average class size at most grade levels, a lack of classroom space to accommodate increasing student enrollment and the need for program expansion, the loss of several school personnel as the result of retirements, and a third continuous year of below level-service budget funding requiring several personnel lay-offs and program reductions.

Concerning state MCAS test scores, Belchertown Public Schools continued to be one of the top performers (i.e., a very cost effective school district with one of lowest per-pupil costs and highest MCAS test results in our geographic area).

Belchertown School District's 2004 MCAS test results showed that the aggregate of all students, at all the grade levels and in all subjects tested, made adequate yearly progress as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind standards and continued to perform above the state average except in grade 3 reading and grade 6 mathematics. The test results also indicated that students with disabilities and from the low income subgroup continued to be challenged when taking the high standards MCAS tests. Of particular note were the school district's improved test scores in mathematics at the primary and early elementary levels, a previous weakness within the school district, and the high percentage of grade 10 students passing both the English/language arts and mathematics MCAS tests. Noted strengths and continued areas of improvement included performing above the state average in the combined Advanced and Proficient levels in: English/language arts in total composition and writing at all the grade levels tested; grade 4 English/language arts with a 4% decrease in the Warning Level from the previous year and improvement regarding students with disabilities with 27% fewer in the Warning Level than in the previous year; grade 7 English/language arts with a 4% increase from the previous year and improvement regarding students with disabilities with 9% fewer in the Warning Level than in the previous year; grade 10 English/language arts at +16% above the state average; grade 4 mathematics with a 5% increase from the previous year; grade 8 mathematics with a 5% increase from the previous year; grade 10 mathematics at +11% above the state average and with a 7% increase from the previous year and improvement regarding students with disabilities with 32% fewer in the Warning Level than in the previous year; grade 5 science/technology & engineering with improvement regarding students with disabilities with 18% fewer in the Warning Level than in the previous year; and grade 8 science/technology & engineering. Also, 90% of all grade 10 students passed both the English/language arts and mathematics MCAS tests. In addition, Belchertown was notified in 2004 that it had 27% of its seniors earn John and Abigail Adams free tuition scholarships to any Massachusetts state college or university based on MCAS scores (i.e., tied for first place with two other school districts in western Massachusetts). Regarding student enrollment, the trend of an increasing student enrollment continued with an impact on the average class size at grades K, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12. Between 1990-2004, while the town's population grew by +35.2%, the school district's student enrollment grew by +44.5%. The lack of classroom availability for increased student enrollment and for needed program expansion became very apparent when the school district had to curtail adding additional classrooms and programs as the result of having no available classroom space. However, as the result of a federal renovation grant and approximately $725,000 being allocated by Special Town Meeting in the spring of 2003, work on the former high school facility continued in 2004 to reopen it as soon as possible as the new Jabish Brook Middle School. The opening of the new Jabish Brook Middle School will allow the school district to implement its approved grade level reorganization plan and open up some additional classroom space within the school district. This plan, which was filed with the state when the construction grant for the new Belchertown High School was approved, will allow the school district to place students in more modern facilities and to continue to phase out utilizing temporary classroom space on the former state school property. The local and state approved grade level reorganization plan for the Belchertown School District is as follows:

Current Facilities/Grade Levels	Future Facilities/Grade Levels
New High School (9-12) (Belchertown High School)	High School (9-12) (Belchertown High School)
Not Occupied: Former BHS (9-12) (New Jabish Brook Middle School)	Middle School (7-8) (Jabish Brook Middle School)
Current Middle School (6-8) (Chestnut Hill Community School)	Intermediate School (4-6) (Chestnut Hill Community School)
Current Elementary School (3-5) (Swift River Elementary School)	Elementary School (1-3) (Swift River Elementary School)
Current Primary School (K-2) (Cold Spring School)	Early Childhood Center (PK-K) (Cold Spring School)
Current Primary School (1-2) (Tadgell School)	Keep for Expansion: Increased Student Enrollment & Additional Program Needs (Tadgell Scho

The loss of key school personnel as the result of retirements added to the school district's staffing challenges in 2004. The school district has many long-serving veteran staff who have reached or who are approaching retirement age. Belchertown lost nine classroom teachers, one school nurse, and one administrator in late spring of 2004 through retirement. Although the school district was able to replace ten of the eleven positions, the loss of the 334 years of combined experience will be missed. Also, seven additional school personnel submitted retirement notices during the fall of 2004, becoming official retirees at the end of the 2004-2005 school year, taking with them an additional 208 years of combined experience.

The writing of grant proposals continued to be a focus of the school district to help support and fund required state and federal requirements. The school district had utilized approximately $900,022 in state and federal grants as it closed out the first half of 2004 and received an additional $794,298 and wrote for another $81,911 in grant applications during the end of 2004. This grant funding did not include an additional $237,289 in National Science Foundation funding awarded to the Belchertown School District and UMASS in the fall of 2004. Added funding was realized through a local bank that matched the donation of an anonymous donor to fund the CHCS after school program for $150,000 (i.e. $50,000 a year for three years), and another local bank donated a $25,000 matching grant to help a group of dedicated volunteers raise approximately $100,000 to light the new BHS stadium so the community could watch their outstanding student athletes participate in evening athletic competitions and to help increase ticket gate receipts to help offset the cost of funding a very successful high school sports program which is self-funded at $230,000 (i.e. not supported by local taxes).

Of significant note was 2004 being Belchertown School District's third continuous year with a below level-service budget, resulting in several personnel lay-offs and program reductions. The 2004-2005 budget, which was approved in the spring of 2004, caused the Belchertown School District to reduce its level-service requested budget (i.e., a request just to keep the same level of service that was provided in 2003) by -$1,012,200. The actual number of staff positions eliminated was 9 in number: 2 regular classroom teachers; 2 foreign language teachers; 2 health education teachers; 1 guidance counselor; 1 nurse; and 1 paraprofessional. Add this below level-service reduction to a previous budget reduction of -$1,273,066 with the loss of 16.2 staff in 2002-2003, and another previous budget reduction of -$434,272 with the loss of 3.5 staff in 2003-2004, and the three year below level-service budget reduction was - $2,719,538 or 28.7 staff positions lost: 4 regular classroom teachers; 5 special education teachers; 3 foreign language teachers; 3 health education teachers; 1.2 guidance counselors; 1 nurse; 9.5 paraprofessionals; and 2 custodians. In addition to the loss of many important personnel, significant reductions were made in funding for heating oil and electricity, maintenance of buildings and grounds, textbooks, instructional supplies, special education services, technology, and school bus transportation.

School Business Manager's Report

During 2004, the citizens voted a below level-service school budget that was reflective of reductions in state funding to the town. The school district's effective procedures for monitoring the spending of the budget allowed the financial resources to be used as requested in the approved budget.

Belchertown Public Schools expended funds from both a federal grant and town approved borrowing of $725,000 to implement renovations on the former high school or new Jabish Brook Middle School. The renovations were substantially completed by August 2004 to allow Jabish Brook Middle School to open for seventh and eighth grade students in September of 2004. However, the school did not open in 2004 because of unavailable operating funds within the school department's approved budget. The major items of the renovation work included replacing the unit ventilators, updating the fire alarm system, resurfacing the driveway and parking lot pavement, painting the exterior, installing wiring and cabling for classroom computers, replacing the telephone and intercom system, upgrading classroom lighting, installing a handicapped bathroom, and miscellaneous interior upgrades. Also, during the 2004, the burner and boiler were replaced at Cold Spring School, lights and a sprinkler system were installed at the Belchertown High School stadium field, and the Berkshire School was closed.

The Belchertown School Lunch Program continued to maintain participation above the state average under the leadership of Ann Marie Beaupre, the new Director of Food Services, and the efforts of the hardworking food service staff. School lunch participation reached an all time high of 73 percent in November 2004. The Belchertown School Lunch Program was one of five pilot schools in the "Get Fresh, Get Local" project funded through a grant from the Massachusetts School Nutrition Association. From the experience of the grant, Belchertown Public Schools will continue to purchase locally grown produce. The Belchertown School Lunch Program had also implemented Nutrient Standard Menu Planning and purchased software to prepare the school menus. The software assured that the Recommended Daily Allowances were being met as well as the Dietary Guidelines. The nutrients of all menus are available on the Belchertown Public Schools web site for daily review.

Belchertown Public Schools continued to provide bus transportation for all students. Five Star Transportation transported all regular education students to and from the schools. In August 2004, the Belchertown Public Schools added two additional buses for a total of twenty-one buses to the regular transportation to meet the demands of a growing community. Van Pool Transportation Company provided the transportation for special education students. Also, school bus transportation continued to be provided for students participating in after school activities and high school activities.

Special Education Director's Report

The 2004 school year was a year of continued growth and development for the special education department. As of December 1, 2004, there were 423 special needs students, 140 Title 1 students, 22 students receiving English as a Second

Language (ESL) services, and 51 students receiving services under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act in Belchertown Public Schools. The vast majority of the school district's special education students were serviced through programs provided within the school department. The in-district programs included A supported inclusion teaching model at the primary, elementary, and intermediate levels. Also, the school district initiated language-based tutorial programs at both the primary and elementary levels during the 2004 school year. In addition to the supported inclusion teaching programs, learning centers were established at the elementary level and resource rooms at the intermediate level. Additional programs included a learning skills program at the high school level, language learning programs at both the middle school and high school levels, a school-to-work program at the high school level, a life skills program at the middle school level, and an integrated early childhood program, an autism spectrum early childhood program, and an early childhood language program. These programs, plus all therapeutic programs, serviced special needs students between the ages of 3 - 22 years of age inclusive. Therapeutic programs include speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy and adaptive physical education. With the assistance of an integration specialist, several students who otherwise would have been placed in out-of-district placements were provided services within Belchertown Public Schools.

Title 1, ESL and Section 504 services were offered to students who qualified under federal and state guidelines for additional support services. These services were provided in a variety of settings utilizing specialized materials and instruction.

In conclusion, it is important to note that the high quality Special Education, Title 1, ESL, and Section 504 services provided to the students of Belchertown were made possible through the dedication and expertise of the special education and regular education staffs.

Primary Schools Principal's Report

During the spring of 2004, 570 students in kindergarten, first, and second grades spent their last school year housed in three different buildings. The Berkshire School, a temporary school facility on the former state school property, closed its doors officially in June of 2004, which was marked with an appropriate celebration by staff, students, and parents/guardians. A special note of gratitude goes out to Mary Baltren who served as Berkshire's Head Teacher for eight years.

Dorothy Maloney and students during the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Cold Spring School

Cold Spring School's faculty, staff, and students also celebrated a special end of the year event. They hosted a "50th Historical Birthday" celebration for the entire community to commemorate Cold Spring School's 50 years of educating children.

community to commemorate Cold Spring School's 50 years of educating children. Mrs. Dorothy Maloney, the primary schools' music teacher, coordinated the gala event which culminated in a wonderful musical performance featuring 200 kindergarten students. A "50's" theme was chosen and interwoven throughout the week-long celebration. Props, music, and costumes echoing poodle skirts, jukeboxes, and historical walks down Cold Spring School's memory lane, delighted and entertained audiences who attended the six performances. Retired school personnel, former students, past principals, special guests, and dignitaries from across the state were invited to this special celebration. Two prestigious citations were awarded to the school administration during the final performance to recognize this very special occasion: one from State Senator Stanley Rosenberg and another from State Senator Brian Lees.

One of the first kindergarten teachers to ever teach in the Belchertown Public School system retired at the end of the 2004 school year. Mrs. Patricia (Lofland) Fuller served the district well as a kindergarten teacher for thirty-four years. A special bench with an engraved plaque was dedicated to her and prominently placed outside of the Cold Spring School's front entrance to express appreciation and gratitude for her many years of service to the children and the community of Belchertown.

Another kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Louise Butler, was also honored and recognized in a very special way during the springtime. She was nominated by her peers and selected by administration to receive the Grinspoon Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Butler received several gifts and special recognition at an honorary banquet held at The Log Cabin for all local Grinspoon Award recipients.

High academic standards for all students continue to be the norm at the primary level. A 100% rating was given to this level for meeting the NCLB (No Child Left Behind) legislation that requires all teachers to be "highly qualified". This status is achieved by meeting specified criteria including a Massachusetts standard teacher license and the attainment of a mandated number of professional development points needed for license renewal.

The Primary School Council members also played a significant role in assisting the schools in 2004 to achieve several goals as outlined in their School Improvement Plan. Well deserved commendations for their voluntary efforts and sincere appreciation for their service goes out to the following School Council Members: Co-Chair and Parent Representative, Maria Scudere-Weiss; Parent Representative, Laura Griffin; Parent Representative, George Oulundsen III; Teacher Representatives, Marnie Henneman and Heidi Oldenburg; and Community Representative, James Lafley. A final note of gratitude is being conveyed to all of the parents and guardians who volunteer in our primary schools. We truly appreciate their countless efforts and enjoy working with them in partnership as we continue to provide the very best educational opportunities for our youngest students.

Elementary School Principal's Report

The Swift River Elementary Community continued to offer a respectful environment where excellence in education was stressed in 2004. The entire staff continued to work on improving the home-school communication goal. Many parents and community members volunteered to work within the SRE classrooms, chaperoned class trips, participated in National Reading Day activities, and shared personal and professional life experiences with our students.

Many of the SRE goals during the school year were focused on developing and maintaining effective curriculum and teaching methodology. After much research and informational meetings, SRE implemented its first year of a "flexible math grouping" instructional approach to teaching and learning which required organizing student achievement data and implementing criterion based instruction. This endeavor turned out to be most successful. SRE was able to provide its learners with math classroom environments where students were more comfortable, encouraged to become risk takers, and that created better student self-esteem through success.

The 2004 school year also saw the implementation of a new type of instructional method entitled language tutorial for special education students. This program was offered by existing special education teachers to students in grades four and five who were identified as needing additional reading and writing services.

In addition to the language tutorial program, SRE offered its first Title I services to forty children in grade three. During the spring of 2004, students were assessed for Title I services and, with the direct assistance from Title I Director Pam Davis, SRE was able to increase reading instruction to students in grade three classrooms. The Title I program did not supplant regular English/language arts instruction in the classroom, but instead complimented such instruction.

Another change in 2004 had been the addition of staff and services for students whose primary language was not English. Headed by Ms. Patricia Egan, all students in need of additional bi-lingual instruction had been recognized, assessed, and provided with special instruction. This program was brought into compliance with the new state regulations, with assistance from the Massachusetts Department of Education, after Belchertown was selected as one of two model state sites to begin full implementation of the new regulations.

During 2004, the Swift River Elementary School Council reviewed and updated the SRE School Improvement Plan. The plan had been simplified so that SRE could focus on a few realistic goals that could be attained. A significant amount of time was dedicated to developing plans to move grades four and five to CHCS in the future. The Swift River Elementary School Council consists of members: Nancy Kwiatkowski, Elizabeth Teixeira, Laura Griffin, Erin Hebert, Karen Horak, Rose Luippold, and new principal Charles Anderson.

The physical layout of our school also went through some alterations. Due to the closing of Berkshire School, we were asked to house two second grade classrooms. With the number of grade five classrooms dipping to seven, it opened up the two classrooms currently housing grade two students. Similar to many school districts across the state, 2004 had been a difficult fiscal year, but the SRE staff rose to the challenge and continued to provide a safe and challenging work environment.

In conclusion, it is important to mention the effect of Belchertown's growing population and its impact on SRE. In 2004, the total grade three, four, and five student population reached 610. The preschool program, housed at SRE, added 45 additional students, and taking on the two second grade classroom brought the total SRE student enrollment to 703 students. As the community and its school student population continues to grow, additional space and staffing challenges will need to be met to continue the fine education offered to Belchertown students.

Middle School Principal's Report

During 2004, the Chestnut Hill Community School served over 600 students in the 6th, 7th & 8th grade with a rigorous academic program and exploratory courses that introduced all of our students to a wide range of educational experiences. We continued to be extremely proud of our teaming model where students and teachers interact in small learning communities. Our mission remained the same, to foster the growth of students by assisting them in meeting the academic, emotional, social, and physical challenges of adolescence within a safe and nurturing environment.

The preparation for our transition of the 7th & 8th grade to Jabish Brook Middle School (i.e., the former BHS) had been a major focus for the district. The architectural firm of Drummey Rosane Anderson, the same firm that designed the new Belchertown High School, was hired to work with the district to bring the building up to code, upgrade internal systems, and make some long needed repairs. The major projects included: replacing all unit ventilators in the classrooms; updating the fire surpression and alarm systems; installing new burners to the heating system; removing rust and painting the exterior steel columns along the building; upgrading the entrance driveway and parking lots; installing a new phone system; upgrading the intercom classroom communication system; wiring the building for computer connections; repairing and refinishing the gymnasium floor; replacement of some hallway and classroom flooring; replacement of the kitchen freezer and dishwasher; upgrading all classroom lighting systems; and the installation of a new-handicapped bathroom in the lobby. Special thanks to Jay Viens (JBMS Head Custodian), Bob LaChance (Director of Buildings & Grounds), and Mike Krzystofik (Business Manager) for keeping this important project within budget and close to the projected completion time-line.

The CHCS faculty and school council had developed plans for the transition that include adjustments in teaching schedules, determining room assignments, changes in some procedures, and the creation of a School Improvement Plan for Jabish Brook. The faculty remained committed to maintaining a teaming structure, developing a new physical education curriculum, and continuing the very successful after school program.

The challenging financial picture of the state and community unfortunately resulted in a reduction in the number of teachers and programs offered at the middle school level. CHCS lost in the budget reduction process: one health/consumer education teacher, two foreign language teachers, and one adjustment counselor. These reductions led to increased class size, the creation of directed study time, and students missing the exposure to the knowledge and skills from these important subjects.

Our thanks go out to the Chestnut Hill School Council whose members have given willingly of their time and talent in support of the middle school. Council members during the 2004 school year were: Florene Neggers, Donna Skibel, Laurie Arbeit. Jeanne White, Diane Brown, and Jean Serafino. New members appointed for the 2004-2005 school year were: Ann Maziarz, Deb Avery, and Diane Reed.

High School Principal's Report

The administration, faculty, staff, and members of the Classes of 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 returned to school on January 4, 2004 eager to see what the new year would hold. 2004 was a very exciting year for everyone!

On January 21st, the Belchertown High School Community welcomed the Class of 2008 and their parents to an orientation program. BHS teachers and students were on hand to discuss all of the exciting things that were taking place at Belchertown High School. The students were reminded that they would be treated to another orientation program in August to help them get ready for the following school year.

During the winter, our Girls' Basketball team, Hockey team, Boys' and Girls' Ski teams, Boys' and Girls' Swim teams, and Wrestling team all enjoyed post season tournament play. The BHS fans came out in full force to support their Orioles. All of our student-athletes and fans always showed excellent sportsmanship. The success that was achieved by the winter student-athletes carried on into the spring and fall seasons. This success was due in great part to the enthusiasm and talent of our student-athletes, the dedication and knowledge of our coaches, and the constant support of parents, family and friends. Special thanks to our Director of Athletics, Michael Cowles and our Athletic Trainer Montessa Spohn for all they did for the 2004 athletic program at BHS.

Ms. Leah Lamoureux, valedictorian of the Class of 2004 and Ms. Andrea Geoffroy, salutatorian of the Class of 2004 were recognized by the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents for their excellence in academics and extra-curricular activities. Leah and Andrea, along with their parents, were honored at a dinner hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School. Leah is now in her freshman year at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and Andrea is a first year student at Bryant College.

In April, Mr. Michael Bauer conducted the Pops Concert for the final time as he retired at the end of the school year. Everyone was treated to two outstanding nights of music by our student-musicians. The Concert Band, Symphony Band, Wind

Ensemble, Jazz Band and all of the student performers were magnificent. Mr. Lloyd Armstrong, Mr. Nathan Holesovsky, and Ms. Erin Lylis contributed to the success of the performances. The Silver Tones under the direction of Ms. Colleen Harris and the Carriage Towne Chorale under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ellen O'Reilly-Bracey also provided fine performances. All in all, it was a great stop on Mr. Bauer's Final Tour. Speaking of retirements, seven high school teachers announced that they would be retiring at the end of the school year. A combined 180 years of service were given to the Belchertown High School community by these outstanding professionals: Ms. Madeline Fitzgerald retired from the Technology Department after forty five years; Mr. Joseph Giroux retired from the Mathematics Department after thirty five years in the Belchertown School District; Mrs. Carol Mierzewski retired from the Foreign Language Department after thirty five years; Mr. William Kirk retired from the Mathematics Department after thirty two years of service; Mr. Michael Bauer retired after nineteen years in the Music Department; and Mrs. Janis Wheeler retired from the Social Studies Department after fourteen years of service. Ms. Fitzgerald, Mr. Giroux, Mrs. Mierzewski, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Bauer, and Mrs. Wheeler were outstanding educators who gave so much to the students of Belchertown both in and out of the classroom. All of us were fortunate enough to have had the opportunity to learn from them and work with them. We will miss them very much and we wish them well in the years ahead. Thanks to all of them for making such a difference at Belchertown High School!

This year, the district participated in the Harold Grinspoon Teacher Award Program. The program recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom and school walls, and volunteer activity. Belchertown High School's very own Ms. Lori Vaz of the English Department and Mr. Timothy Woodcock of the Mathematics Department were given this very prestigious award. Congratulations to Ms. Vaz, Mr. Woodcock, and also to Mrs. Louise Butler of Cold Spring School, for being the recipients of this very special honor.

On Saturday, June 5th, the Class of 2004 graduated from Belchertown High School. Because of the uncertainty of the weather, the ceremony was held in the gymnasium. A wonderful celebration ensued honoring our graduates. Mrs. Janis Wheeler and Mr. William Kirk delivered commencement addresses. Other speeches were given by Mr. Nicholas Natario, president of the class, Ms. Leah Lamoureux, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Andrea Geoffroy, salutatorian of the class. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2004. Over $100,000 worth of scholarships was awarded to our seniors during the awards ceremony. Three of our seniors – Ms. Sharon Cole, Mr. Nicholas Clark, and Mr. Eric McCurdy were awarded the very prestigious Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award for their success on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment

System and other local, state, and national assessments.

On Tuesday, August 31st, an opening day convocation ceremony was held in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium to welcome everyone back to school. Ms. Sarah Reed, president of the Class of 2005, spoke to her fellow students about the importance of getting involved and making a difference at Belchertown High School. During the convocation ceremony, new students and new teachers were recognized. Our new teachers included: Mrs. Melissa Martin, Science and Technology teacher; Mr. Lawrence O'Brien, Social Studies teacher; Mrs. Megan Carr, music teacher; Ms. Monica Stevens and Ms. Cara Lapenas, Spanish teachers; and Mr. Gregory Runyan and Mr. David Rosen mathematics teachers.

In September, we received word about our students' scores on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System. The Class of 2006 did very well. In fact, 71 students qualified for the Stanley Z. Koplik Certificate of Mastery Award because they received one score of advanced and one score of advanced and/or proficient on the test. We were also told by the Department of Education that in English Language Arts, we received a Cycle III Performance Rating of very high, a Cycle III Improvement Rating of above target, and that Cycle III Adequate Yearly Progress was met. In Mathematics, we received a Cycle III Performance Rating of high, a Cycle III Improvement Rating of above target, and that Cycle III Adequate Yearly Progress was met.

Once again, our fall student athletes enjoyed excellent seasons in all sports. The Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams claimed Western Massachusetts titles for the second year in a row. The Girls' Volleyball Team and the Boys' and Girls' Cross Country teams were all involved in post season tournament play. Christine Dzialo qualified as State Finalist for the Girls' Cross Country team for the second year in a row.

In November, Officers of the BHS Chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions: Sam Surner, Erin Charpentier, Leah Sincuk, Laura Murphy and Alyssa Swiatlowski, took part in a mock accident for the Class of 2005. Seniors gathered outside as they witnessed the aftermath of a mock accident. After the accident, students gathered in the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium to listen to the stories of the tragic losses suffered by Mrs. Ellen Nepomuceno of MADD and Sergeant Blomgren of the Massachusetts State Police. The seniors received a very strong and important message about the dangers of driving under the influence of alcohol. Special thanks to Craig Bodamer of Belchertown Emergency Medical Services and SADD advisors Mrs. Cheryl Relihan and Ms. Leny-Jo Captein for organizing this very important event.

In December, Superintendent of Schools Richard A. Pazasis presented John and Abigail Adams Scholarships to seniors who had one score in the Advanced category, in either English or mathematics, a second score in the Advanced or Proficient category, and a combined Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System score that ranks in the top twenty-five percent of their class. Sarah Bourbeau, Sara Bronner, Mark Bronner, Molly Butler, Peter Charron, Kelsey Clements, Megan Cole, Marc Cote, Emily Crete, Megan Czyzewski, Kate D'Amours, Kristopher Demers, Nicole Desabrais, Elisabeth DiBella, Meghan Dudley, Kate Dutcher, Gregory Feldman, Christina Folliard, Gary Gay, Jill Girard, Jessica Gottsegen, William Goulet, Carolyn Harrington, Brian Hourihan, Brian Kearns, Lauren King, Tucker Lauber, Eleni Marino, Lindsay McCarron, Laura Murphy, Ryan Nolan, Scott Poulin, Harrison Reed, Michael Roxo, Nathan Scruton, Lauren Seliga, Amy Sexauer, Stephanie Weibel, Jeromie Whalen, Laura Whipple, Celina Will, and Jennalee Wooldridge received an offer of four years of free tuition at any University of Massachusetts campus or any state or community college. Congratulations to our forty two seniors on this fine achievement!

2004 was a very special year at Belchertown High School! Our students and teachers were recognized in so many ways for their contributions to our high school community and the greater community. Belchertown High School continued to be a very special place filled with administrators, teachers, education support personnel, and students who truly care about one another.

The Belchertown High School community continued to prove that it is committed to providing all students with a positive environment conducive to their intellectual, social, emotional, and physical growth. We prepared our students to assume meaningful roles in our diverse, democratic society and ever-changing world.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee continued to consist of nine members – two each from Belchertown and Palmer – and one from each of the communities of Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, and Ware. All incumbent members were re-elected in November 2004. Michael Cavanaugh of Palmer will continue as Chairman, and David Droz, also of Palmer, will serve as Vice-Chairman.

CURRICULUM

In an effort to provide more time for students to improve their English/Language Arts MCAS performance, Pathfinder's sequence of English periods was rearranged. Because most students have already passed MCAS by their senior year, school officials reduced their English class to one period and increased sophomore English to two periods, thereby allowing teachers more time to devote to preparing the underclassmen for the MCAS exam.

A *High Schools That Work* committee of teachers was activated to study the proposal to increase Pathfinder's minimum passing grade from 60 to 65. Based on the philosophy underlying the *HSTW* movement, this committee recommended that the School Committee adopt that proposal. At the same time, the study committee recognized that this change might initially have a negative effect on some students. Accordingly, the school devised and implemented a "safety net" comprised of afternoon help for any student who fails a major course.

A summer program for incoming ninth graders entitled "Reading Bridge" was instituted in the summer of 2004. This program was offered at no cost to all eighth graders who had been accepted into the freshman class. Participation was voluntary, and students could come to Pathfinder for one day in July, choose and borrow books from a specific list, and return again in August for a "quiz" and group discussion on books they read. This program was yet another *HSTW* initiative designed to raise expectations and standards as well as promote the importance of reading. Students also had an opportunity to become familiar with Pathfinder and make new friends prior to the opening of school.

Several additional efforts were launched during the school year, each of which was designed to enhance student learning. Among the more important of these were:

- Implementation of mandatory portfolio development in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen.
- Establishment of "Project Adventure," a summer program for incoming ninth graders designed to integrate academic subjects with outdoor adventures—canoeing, hiking, and over-night camping. These activities provided an early introduction to new friends, remedial activities for those who needed them, and the opportunity to learn and have meaningful and fun-filled experiences at the same time.
- Reestablishment of the "Renaissance Program" that rewards students for academic and vocational achievement and/or improvement.
- Continued staff development through on-site courses through Westfield State College, including *Reading Across the Curriculum; Writing Across the Curriculum; Teaching Methods and Strategies for Special Needs Students in Vocational Education, Red Cross CPR and First Aid,* and OSHA training for all vocational and selected academic areas.

Pathfinder students have made excellent progress and have demonstrated marked improvements in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. School officials were pleased with the 2004 results. The number of students who scored in the "Advanced" and "Proficient" ranges improved dramatically, and overall numbers who attained the minimum passing score also improved. These results are clear indicators of the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra help classes, and the importance and value that students now place on their MCAS performance. For the second consecutive cycle, Pathfinder met expectations for "Annual Yearly Progress" under the federal "No Child Left Behind" Act.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for upper class students. A sample of such efforts during the past year includes the following:

- Automotive students serviced the Belchertown D.A.R.E. vehicle and participated in a car wash fund raiser for the Josh Aldrich fund.

- Automotive Reconditioning students participated in a car wash fund raiser for the Josh Aldrich Fund and the Ronald McDonald House. They also reconditioned cars for the Good News Garage which donated them to needy families.
- Building Services students constructed a playhouse for a Monson resident, rebuilt a cupola for a Belchertown resident, and continued to provide custodial services to the Chamber of Commerce.
- Carpentry students constructed interior partitions for the Ware Parks Department garage and began work to make the entranceway to the Ware American Legion ADA compliant.
- CAD and Design Technology students designed a site plan for the proposed playground in Bondsville.
- Cosmetology students participated in the Palmer-Monson Family Network Teen Fair by providing face painting and hair braiding. They also participated in the Bridal Show held in Chicopee, doing make-up, hair styling, and modeling. Students also provided manicures for the Mary Kay Open House for a Battered Women's Benefit.
- Culinary Arts students provided services to the following organizations: Palmer Blue & Gold Boy Scouts; Thorndike Boy Scouts Venture Organization; Monson Tiger Cubs; PVBA Basketball Jamboree; Local School Departments; Monson Music Boosters; Ware Art Show; Area Police Departments and Criminal Justice Meetings; Academic Awards Dinner for Member Towns; and the Regional Garden Symposium.
- Electrical students performed wiring for the electrical telephone, burglar, and fire alarm systems at the Ware Park Department garage. They also provided services to the town of Palmer at the park in Three Rivers.
- Electronics students provided a variety of repair services, equipment recycling, and maintenance of community public address systems.
- Health Technology students participated in the annual Pathfinder Blood Drive.
- Horticulture/FFA Students sold Christmas trees in downtown Palmer during "Santaland."
- Office Business students prepared and collated various materials for the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Corporation, the Palmer Lions Club, and member towns.
- Machine Technology students designed and created parts to be used in the repair of the pool boom for the Palmer Parks Department.
- The Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and Pathfinder entered into a partnership to build a house in Ware that the Chamber will sell as a fund-raiser. This project involves students from carpentry, electrical, horticulture, and HVAC. An article in the December 2004 issue of *District Administration* highlighted this innovative venture as an outstanding example of a school-business partnership.

The Cooperative Education Program placed 40 students in highly technical jobs with area employers that utilize skills taught in Pathfinder's programs. Co—op students found opportunities in automotive dealerships and repair shops, home construction and remodeling—including electrical, air handling, and landscaping. Other students who had met the rigorous qualifications for working in paid, off-campus alternating week positions were employed in precision manufacturing, information technology, hospitality services, and health care. Employers-- who themselves are highly skilled in their respective fields—reported that Pathfinder students' artistry, attention to detail, interpersonal skills, desire to learn, and strong work ethic resulted in benefits to the businesses and the students alike.

Pathfinder advanced its technology program in three key areas: (1) Network - Pathfinder implemented a building-wide network, connecting approximately 225 computers so that all staff and students are able to present and share information efficiently in electronic format; (2) Computers - Pathfinder upgraded five computer laboratories in technology levels superior to current state standards, including digital video processing that utilize Macintosh computers in order to track with industry; and (3) Systems Assurance - Pathfinder invested in an electronic mail firewall to screen inbound and outbound email from various cyber threats, thereby adding a layer of security that will help protect the school's technology investment and maximize systems performance during day-to-day operations.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment totaled 670 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 79; Granby 27; Hardwick 28; Monson 106; New Braintree 6; Palmer 163; and Ware 128. The remaining 132 students were residents of out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received 360 applications for admission in September. Pathfinder once again offered a wide variety of opportunities for area parents and their children to learn about and visit the school. There were two Open House Programs—one in the fall and another in the spring. The Summer Youth Enrichment Program and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for 7th and 8th grade students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 2004-05 school year, 285 were for the 175 available 9th grade openings. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, and there was a waiting list for space in grades 9, 10, and 11.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony in April. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting underclass students who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for eventual selection into the Society as guests.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Eighteenth Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Belchertown resident Paul Warner. Paul was an "Early College" student at Springfield Technical Community College and earned Dean's list honors with a cumulative average of 4.1. Paul was also a member of the National Technical Honor Society for two years and was valedictorian of the Class of 2004.

Another senior to receive statewide recognition was Mark Stockwell of Palmer. Mark was Pathfinder's nominee for the Vocational Student Achievement Award sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association. Mark's cumulative average of 3.61 earned him National Technical Honor Society status as well as the third ranking student in the class of 2004. Mark was also featured in the Springfield *Republican's* Champions of Character recognition program. He is currently attending Johnson & Wales University in Providence.

Senior Colleen Roberts from Palmer was Pathfinder's nominee for The Walter J. Markham award, established to honor an outstanding graduate of an approved vocational-technical program. Colleen ranked second in her class with a 4.075 cumulative grade point average, and she was also a two-year member of the National Technical Honor Society. Colleen excelled as an "Early College" student at STCC and was the recipient of the DAR Good Citizen Award.

West Brookfield resident Laurie Haviland was Pathfinder's 2004 Worcester *Telegram & Gazette* Student Achievers award winner. She earned this distinction while participating in the "Early College" program at Quinsigamond Community College where she majored in Health Technology/Biology.

In June 2004, the graduating class of 126 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 73% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, while another 10% had made commitments to serve in the military. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Additionally, six students successfully participated in the "Early College" program offered at local community colleges

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately $54,875 in scholarships to members of the Class of 2004. Once again, state and local organizations—as well as individuals—continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration, and the graduates themselves are grateful for this support, and they are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and friends.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Assistant Director Gary Roszkiewicz reported a busy and productive year by Pathfinder's Student Council members. Early in the year they assisted in the annual Red Cross Blood Drive that resulted in the collection of 84 pints. Throughout the recruiting season they provided tours and information about the school to groups of potential students. Designated members also participated in the monthly meetings of student council members from Western Massachusetts high schools during which they discussed issues of mutual concern and shared ideas about various school programs.

Pathfinder students were once again generous with their time and efforts to help members of the community in need. They collected 100 coats for the "Coats for Kids" program, assembled 40 dinners at Thanksgiving for the Valley Human Services and the Food Pantry in Hardwick. During the holidays, they sold items during lunch in order to raise money for "Toys for Tots." They also collected donations for the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund. Finally, at year's end, they joined with the staff to solicit donations to the American Red Cross for the tsunami relief fund.

Students were especially proud of their first school newspaper entitled *Inside Pathfinder*. The inaugural edition was published in May and was distributed to all students.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported a banner year for Pathfinder athletics. Once again, over 200 students participated in interscholastic athletics. Freshman participation continued to increase, especially in girls' sports. Highlights of the year included:

- The cheerleaders practiced for and attended their first inter-school competition.
- The varsity baseball team won the Tri-County League championship and qualified for both the State Vocational Tournament and the Western Massachusetts Tournament. Pitcher Jeff Ramondetta was named to the *Republican* All Scholastic First Team.
- The girls' basketball team qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament. Sara Gaj became the second student and first female to score 1000 points at Pathfinder. She was named to the *Republican* All Scholastic First Team in basketball.
- The 2005 boys' soccer team won the Tri County Briggs Division title and qualified for the Western Mass. tournament where they finished runner up. Alan Ruell was named to the *Republican* All Scholastic First Team in soccer. He was also named to the State Division III team. He and Tom Brown played in the Western Mass. All Star Game.
- The football team completed the first undefeated regular season in school history at 10-0 to win the Tri-County League Championship. They appeared in the Super Bowl at Worcester State College where they fell to a strong Worcester North High School. Senior Drew Jett was selected to play in the Shriners "Chowder Bowl" game.
- David Descharnais and Sara Gaj were named Outstanding Senior Athletes in the Class of 2004.

Without question, 2004 was the most successful year ever for Pathfinder athletics. Coverage in the local media brought honor to individual athletes, to the teams, and to the school.

SPECIAL SERVICES

During 2004, the Special Education Department continued to provide high quality services for all eligible special education students under the direction of JoAnn Fitzpatrick. The reorganization of the department designed to service students more effectively during this period of limited resources was carried out effectively.

The Special Education staff continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to students in grades 9-12 and to students attending the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). The Department implemented the necessary changes to comply with the new state regulations aligning Massachusetts' practices more closely with federal special education law.

Staff members conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews, and diagnostic reviews for 58 students in the MVIP Program and 142 students in grades 9-12. Approximately 25 additional re-evaluations were completed.

The Department currently includes 15 professional teachers, 6 teacher aides, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech Therapist, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

Pathfinder continued to provide resource room instruction for all major courses offered in grades 9-12. Beginning with grade 9, math and English are offered in the resource room, but the content areas of history and science remain in the mainstream, consistent with an inclusion model approach. The required history and science courses are aligned with the Curriculum Frameworks. Math courses in the resource room continued to feature an integrated approach to algebra and geometry. Resource English included a variety of novels, short stories, and vocabulary exercises—all in preparation for the MCAS. Math, reading, and language arts instruction were supplemented by Title I instruction.

The MVIP Program actually operated at above full capacity with 58 students. All six shops offer instruction closely coordinated with Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program included:

- **Office Business**: Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services**: Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of some hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture**: Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning**: Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they provide this service to the public.
- **Food Services**: Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations**: Students learn to maintain the patients' environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a *support* role in the aligned program area. At graduation exercises in June, 7 MVIP students received their certificates.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	Program Name	Allocation
140	Improving Educator Quality This money was used for additional staffing to improve student teacher ratios.	$27,872
160	Enhanced Education Through Technology These funds were earmarked for advanced training in *Geometer's Sketch Pad* for our Mathematics Department.	$3,353
142/274	SPED 94-172 Program Improvement These monies were used to fund a drop-out prevention program. Pathfinder's new remediation program is for in school at risk students. Funds were also allocated to purchase a lift for Auto Reconditioning, a convection oven for Culinary Arts, and to partially renovate the greenhouse in Ornamental Horticulture. Additionally, an aide and a half time monitor were paid through these funds.	$208,416
170-A	Technology Enhancing Education The second year of this two year competitive grant went to strengthening our *High Schools That Work* initiative requiring that all ninth graders take algebra and all tenth graders take geometry, to purchasing math software, and to support training. Additionally a full time Math Mentor was hired to help the Related teachers who are now charged with addressing instructional gaps for our students. Funds were also used to purchase 12 computers to create a staff training lab in Pathfinder's library.	$ 100,000
274	SPED Improvement These funds are aimed at on-line training to bring all Pathfinder aides to highly qualified status and to send several special education teachers to workshops in Assistive Technology.	$5,000

302	Title V Innovative Program This money enabled the library to update EBSCO databases.	$3,766
305	Title I Title I funds were used to hire a full time Language Specialist, a three fourths time Math Specialist and a full time aide to work with our most disadvantaged students in reading and math.	$101,254
400	Perkins Act Allocation Funds These funds were earmarked for staff training in "Writing Across the Curriculum" and OSHA training. They also support materials of instruction as well as numerous high cost shop equipment purchases.	$76,407
413	Perkins State Leadership This third installment of funding is assigned to *High Schools That Work* conferences and training.	$20,000
632/625	Academic Support Academic Support monies went to hiring English and math teachers to work with at risk students, 10th graders preparing for their MCAS. Sessions were held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, and during the summer for ninth graders who failed their 8th grade MCAS.	$37,500
592	Competitive Academic Support Pathfinder combined these funds with its WIA grant to create a unique MCAS remediation summer work experience for qualified students.	$31,000
7948	WIA – Title I Youth Program These funds were used to fund a year round coordinator, an intensive 5 week work/educational summer program for 26 at risk participants, and provide year round counseling and monitoring. Additionally, the funding provided incentives for all participants to do well in school during the school year.	$46,706
	TOTAL GRANTS AND CONTRACTS	$661,274

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities that took place during the year.

The summer Youth Enrichment Program served 146 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for four weeks in July. The first session lasted for four days and the following three sessions lasted for five days each. Nine specialty areas were offered: Auto Body, Automotive Technology; Carpentry, Computers, Culinary Arts, Environmental Explorers, Floriculture, Cosmetology, and Readers' Theater. The daily schedule consisted of specialty areas in the morning, sports and/or games after lunch, and an hour of free swim in the Palmer High School pool.

The spring and fall Afternoon Enrichment Programs served 99 students. This program met for one day per week for two hours. Each student spent eight weeks in his or her chosen specialty area selected from the following: Auto Body, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Computers, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, and Readers' Theatre.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program many times. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board under the Workforce Investment Act. A total of 26 in-school youth took advantage of this program of part-time employment, including job counseling, academic support, and intensive follow-up by grant-supported staff.

Under the direction of Kenneth Heim, Pathfinder's summer school program utilized the same format as the previous year. Two morning sessions were offered Monday through Thursday during July for a total of 32 hours. Ten academic classes were offered in grades 9-12. This year, English and math for 8th grade were added in order to accommodate students entering Pathfinder. This component enabled some students to comply with the new admissions requirement that all applicants must *pass* 8th grade English and math. The program continued to include a related and shop hour workshop for the vocational student. One hundred thirty-seven students from 13 school districts attended, representing a 15% increase in enrollment.

Despite innovative methods of advertising and an initiative with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, enrollments in Adult Evening School courses continued to decline. Only 45 students registered in the spring 2004 session. Acknowledging that this trend is not unique to Pathfinder and is representative of area schools, the administration made the decision to terminate the Adult Evening Program for the time being. An exception may be made if a business or group in the community identifies a need that the school can meet through this means.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The 2004-05 staff numbers remained essentially unchanged at 39 vocational teachers, 15 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, 2 guidance counselors, one individual on special assignment, 6 teacher aides, 8 administrative personnel and one technology coordinator. Social studies teacher Richard Sinkoski retired after many years of dedicated service, and English instructor Holly Leaning returned from a one-year leave. Science teacher Sharon McDonald will be spending the 2004-05 year accompanying her husband on assignment in Australia, and Math/Science teacher John O'Donnell will see military active duty in Iraq through 2006.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. At the annual meeting in November, he was named Chairman of the Board of Directors, a position he previously held in 1984. He continued to serve as Chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee for the Mass. Association of School Superintendents. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he continued to serve as a Region I Director for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators. In that capacity, he was responsible for coordinating the group's Fall Professional Development Conference held at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School in September.

Committee Chairman Michael Cavanaugh completed his service as Chairman of the Vocational-Technical Division of the Massachusetts Association of School Committees. Mr. Cavanaugh intends to remain active in that Division, while Committee Member Judith Dudek will serve as Secretary.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The FY05 budget that was ultimately approved by five of the seven member communities was $9,586,776. State aid and other reductions totaling $5,476,6768 resulted in an assessment of $4,110,098 to be divided among the member towns according to the regional school budget law and the regional agreement. **The final computation left the school with only $23,000 in assessments over FY04.**

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 2004-2005

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRI-BUTION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION	SHARE OF CAP (1 YR)	TRANSPORTA-TION	CAP. ASSESSMENT	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	698,127	23,177	119,310	12,613	6,102	9,193	868,523
GRANBY	405,015	23,177	37,677	3,983	1,927	3,782	475,561
HARDWICK	103,366	15,451	47,096	4,979	2,408	1,756	175,057
MONSON	510,672	69,531	131,869	13,941	6,744	5,411	738,169
N. BRAINTREE	59,352	0	12,559	1,328	642	611	74,492
PALMER	634,812	69,531	229,202	24,231	11,721	7,978	977,474
WARE	532,484	84,983	153,848	16,265	7,868	5,374	800,821
TOTAL	2,943,828	285,851	731,561	77,340	37,412	34,106	4,110,098

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The Committee has been encouraged by signs that the town of Warren has shown renewed interest in re-joining the District. A number of informal discussions have been held, but no conclusion was reached by 2004 town meetings. The Committee is hopeful that the effort will continue and result in a positive conclusion for town meetings in the spring of 2005.

The conclusion of the 2004 year brought continued signs that, despite some signs of economic recovery, budgets for the current year and in the near future will be significantly impacted by the state of the economy and the continued fiscal crisis. The Committee therefore looks forward to next year with the caution to which it has become accustomed. It is, however, committed to providing the best educational opportunities for workforce development within the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael O'Connor, Belchertown
Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby
Robert J. Dupuis, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
George Castonguay, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware

Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

TEEN CENTER

The Belchertown Teen Center is in its sixth year of operation and continues to flourish. The success of the Teen Center is due primarily to the support from the Town of Belchertown, the administration, the community, and its many volunteers. The Belchertown Teen Center is a model for Western MA communities. We continue to renew, remodel and update the physical building as well as our teen programs to fit the needs of Belchertown youth. In August/September we had an ongoing garden cleanup around the Center and mulched the existing plantings. New programs instituted since September 2004 include, Kung Fu, Tap Dance, Drama, and a Girls Empowerment group.

During the academic year the center is open four days per week. The Summer Program continues offering three full days. Two are on site at the Teen Center offering indoor and out door games/sports/tournaments, gardening and special event activities. One day the Teen Center meets at the Town Beach to swim, paddle boat and play other outdoor games, and activities. In addition the Teen Center runs several Safe Sitter classes over the summer months and throughout the year. In March the Teen

Center along with parents and community members hold the Junior After Prom Party, which provides a safe and fun alternative for our students.

The Friends of the Teen Center were very successful holding events and raising money to enhance the Center's programs, activities and safety concerns. Our Battle of The Bands held in October was well attended and very successful. The Halloween Dance Party and Annual Spaghetti Supper were both fun and successful events. The donations from these events, along with others have made it possible to buy a new DVD player, digital camera, board games and help towards three additional security cameras to monitor activity in all parts of the Teen Center. In addition we are able to continue to offer exciting new and free programming to our teens. The Teen Center engages in Community Service Activities, collecting food for a local food pantry and clothing for needy children in the Dominican Republic. In addition, the Teen Center provides a place for youth and adults to complete Community Service hours.

Teen Center fun...

The Belchertown Teen Center provides a safe place for teens to engage in exciting activities, learn a new skill, game or craft, and express themselves in a positive and creative manner. Staff at the Center role model appropriate social skills, and insist on respectful behavior from all participants. The Teen Center has over 300 teen visits per month from students in 7th through 12th grade. Teens spend time playing games, playing in tournaments, doing homework, eating, socializing and participating in free tap, drama, kung fu lessons, and other various programs that are offered. We look forward to ongoing changes, creating new programs and opportunities for Belchertown Teens.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Marion, Teen Center Coordinator

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This year observed a lot of major activity for the Committee in various areas:

Membership

Several changes took place in the makeup of the Committee. A letter was sent to the Board of Selectmen at the beginning of this year, and the recommendation of new members Lew Louraine, Ron Akins, James Burke, Christofer deHahn and Nick O'Conner was accepted by the Town. A word of thanks to outgoing members, Daniel Fitzpatrick, Andy Katafiasz, Art Dunbar and Jim Kearney for their years of service on this Committee. The membership now stands at seven, with the inclusion of Darrell Weldon added in November. This gives our Committee the additional members needed to deal with the renewal negotiations on the horizon with Charter. Election of officers include: Frank Lomanno – Chair; Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Christofer deHahn - Secretary

Meetings

Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM and the meeting location has been changed from Town Hall to BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address

In June of this year we established an email address with the Town as a central repository for internal, as well as, public email exchange. Our Committee's Town email address (telecom@belchertown.org) will serve as our main means of correspondence in the future.

Town Talk

Robert J. Spain, Regional Manager of Government Relations for Charter Communications, was invited to appear on a Town Talk show to give Belchertown an overview of Charter services and the direction of new technology coming from Charter. The call-in program was aired on November 11th at 7 PM and broadcast from the Channel 5 studios. The show was hosted by Peg Louraine and Chris deHahn and myself represented the Committee.

Charter Contract Renewal

In August of 2003, the State's Department of Telecommunications and Energy Cable Television Division notified the Town of Belchertown that Charter Communication's cable television license will expire on July 1, 2007. As the advisory group to the Selectmen, we have created a sub-Committee to address the renewal process. Lew Louraine is in charge of this task and has started the development of contract negotiations and the required documentation. Lew has also been in contact with other towns whose cable contract is also coming up for renewal with Charter.

In July, we invited Brian Merrick from the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunication and Energy (http://www.mass.gov/dte/catv/) to our monthly meeting. Mr. Merrick walked us through the steps legally necessary for renewing our Charter CATV license. His initial recommendation was that we officially start the renewal process now. We are about three years away from the end of contract date and we have two plus years to ascertain the needs of Belchertown regarding our cable contract. The first charge for the Committee was to present a Letter of Ascertainment to the Selectmen for review. This is a process that affords the public with an opportunity to comment and participate during the initial licensing of a cable operator or the renewal licensing of the incumbent cable operator. It is also a period of time to gather data and review the cable operator's past and present performance and to identify the community's future cable-related needs and interests. The letter is required to be signed by the Selectmen for the 'official' renewal process to begin. This was completed in September. In addition, the Committee issued a letter to All Town Departments to notify them about the renewal procedure and to ask their input as part of this process. We intend to hear and review the needs of the Town departments in this coming year.

Other

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications & Energy
Consumer Division One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: (617) 305-3531 or 1-800-392-6066
Email: Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

Charter Communications continued to increase subscribership to its Internet and digital services. Charter Communications has roll out new services in 2004 including Video on Demand, High Definition Television and DVR also reflecting new rates at well. Broadband Internet service now comes in two packages; 3M and 384K which are based on the download connection speeds.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chair
Telecommunications Advisory Committee

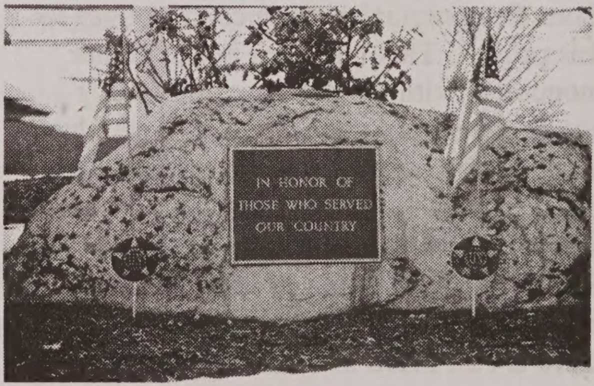
VETERANS' GRAVES

For the year 2004, all of Belchertown's veterans' graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their assistance.

Also, this past spring, all eight cemeteries received a "Spring Clean-up" which included raking, leaf and branch removal, as well as some trash removal. This was done by the combined efforts of the Town's Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts. A sincere thank you is extended to Eagle Scout candidate Brian Hamel of Troop 57 who acted as the coordinator for this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veterans' Graves Officer
Kathy Wood, Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer



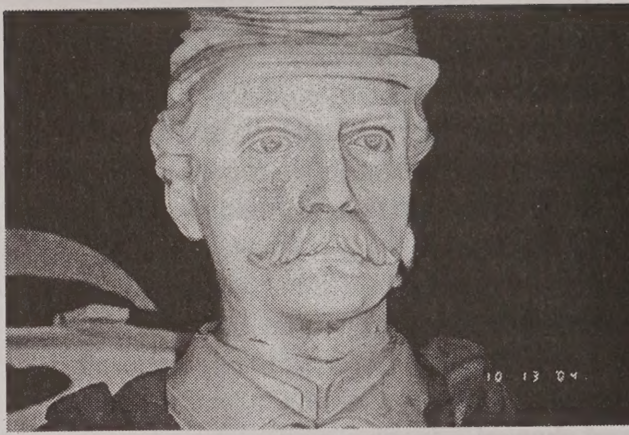
VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The year 2004 continued to increase the needs of our Belchertown veterans and their families. Our Veterans' Department has met these needs.

To our Veterans and their families, we thank you for your assistance and your patience. To our Town committees, WE ARE AT WAR. To all Belchertown residents, continue to help as always.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Messier
Veterans' Agent



WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

This year has brought much progress towards the long-term stabilization of the Civil War Monument on the Common. Several members, businesses and groups from the community made contributions to this project. This fall work began on the monument with much of it completed before the end of the year. A new stainless steel support structure was fabricated and installed to stabilize the monument from leaning any farther. With the vote at the Special Town Meeting in January, this phase of the project is paid for; however, there is still much to do for the future in terms of restoration and fundraising on this project.

Respectively submitted,

Edward T. Knight, Chairman
War Memorial Committee

Set up first. Then restoration of our Civil War Monument can begin

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 10, 2004 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium
FY04

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM
Registered voters present – 84 (Quorum required – 75)

Article 1 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $12,200.00 for development work at the Constantino Park (from funds previously appropriated to the CHCS field bathroom project). (Endorsed by Finance Committee 3-0-1)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

A Motion was made to consolidate Articles 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

A Motion was made to take no action on Articles 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, & 25.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to transfer from the Unclassified Account the sum of $6,500.00 and from the Planning Board Wage Account the sum of $500.00, for a total appropriation of $7,000.00, to the Health Insurance-Town Share Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

rticle 5 Voted to transfer from the Police Wage Account the sum of $38,000.00 and from the Computing Expense Account the sum of $2,000.00, for a total appropriation of $40,000.00, to the Snow & Ice Control Account.(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to transfer from the General Insurance Account the sum of $15,000.00, from the Town Accountant Expense Account the sum of $3,000.00, and from the Inspection Service Wage Account the sum of $8,000.00, for a total appropriation of $26,000.00, to the EMS Wage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 2-1-1)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 7 Voted to transfer from the Council on Aging Wage Account the sum of $10,000.00, and from the Fire Expense Account the sum of $3,000.00, and from the Cemetery Expense Account the sum of $3,000.00, and the Planning Board Expense Account the sum of $3,000.00, for a total appropriation of $19,000.00, to the Veterans' Benefit Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $25,000.00 to the Snow & Ice Control Account (from funds previously appropriated to the Fuel Tank Removal Project). (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate from the EMS Expense Account the total sum of $788.74 for the following unpaid bills from a prior year:

➢ Belmont Springs Water:	$ 45.00
➢ Water & Waste Equipment, Inc.:	$743.74

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote - 9/10 Vote Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from the Landfill Enterprise Free Cash Account the sum of $25,000.00 to the Landfill Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from the Landfill Enterprise Free Cash Account the sum of $2,340.00 to the Landfill Wage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:15PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 10, 2004 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium
FY05

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:32 PM
Registered voters present – 238 (Quorum required – 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
The Jefferey Czech Family led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Mrs. Dorothy Maloney.
A special presentation was made to Selectmen Steven D. Rose in appreciation of his six years of service on the Board of Selectmen.
Selectmen Michael Reardon presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Ms. Colleen Harris.
Selectmen Steven Rose presented the Employee of the Year Award to Mr. Max Bock.
Selectmen Linda Barron presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Ms. June Henneman

Article 1 Voted to nominate Linda E. Barron and Suzanne M. Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman funds, each for one year; and Sylvia C. Conkey as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Voice Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Voice Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➢ Assessors	$9.29
➢ Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways.

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing.

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation Program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Transportation Program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior Center; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of Council on Aging Programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from these programs and shall be under the control of the Council on Aging; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of firefighters' protective clothing and equipment purchase and maintenance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the open air burning permit fees, and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing a concession at the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Town Beach Concession, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Director; such expenditures not to exceed $5,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of operating the Teen Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from program fees, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Director; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of pool programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from such programs, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Director; such expenditures not to exceed $75,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of witnessing and documenting percolation tests, which fund shall be credited with receipts from such tests, and shall be under the control of the Board of Health; such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of transportation of pupils in grades 7 through 12 for school attendance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from said transportation, and shall be under the control of the School Committee; such expenditures not to exceed $150,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, authorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of operating the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited with receipts for daily and seasonal entrance fees, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Director; such expenditures not to exceed $16,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,238,239.00 and appropriate the sum of $84,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund, and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $3,500.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,325,739.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,885,465.00 and appropriate the sum of $275,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $2,160,465.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $18,536,600.00 and appropriate the sum of $216,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for a total appropriation of $18,752,600.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Voice Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

A motion was made to amend the total raised and appropriated for the town's share of the FY05 budget for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District to be $892,986.00. ($42,986.00 to be taken from the stabilization fund)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Yes 82, No 100 – Did not Pass)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $850,000.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Voice Vote - Majority Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $874,862.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $135,458.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $95,512.00 for a total appropriation of $230,970.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $129,370.00, appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $56,733.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,055,980.00 for a total appropriation of $1,242,083.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)
(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $439,954.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $534,231.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $484,303.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,126,677.00 for Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $55,073.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,067,980.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $3,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to accept Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, which provides for the payment to an employee, who is a member of the army national guard, the air national guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, who is called to active duty in the armed forces of the United States and who is granted military leave, the employee's regular base salary, excluding any additional compensation, reduced by any amount received by him from the United States as pay or allowance for military service performed during the same period.

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, by amending Section 6 Employee Benefits, 12) Military Leave, by adding a new paragraph D that shall read:

D. Pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, any employee who has been granted a military leave of absence by the Appointing Authority because the employee is a member of the army national guard, the air national guard or a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States, called to active service in the armed forces of the United States after September 11, 2001, shall be entitled to receive pay at his or her regular base salary as such a public employee, and shall not lose any seniority or any accrued vacation leave, sick leave, personal leave, compensatory leave or earned overtime. An employee eligible under this Paragraph D shall be paid his or her regular base salary as such a public employee for each pay period of such military leave of absence after September 11, 2001, reduced by any amount received from the United States as pay or allowance for military service performed during the same pay period, excluding overtime pay, shift differential pay, hazardous duty pay or any other additional compensation. For the purposes of this Paragraph D, the words "active service" shall not include active duty for training in the army national guard or air national guard, or as a reservist in the armed forces of the United States.

The provisions of this Paragraph D shall prevail over any inconsistent provisions in Subsection 12, Military Leave.

Section 1 of Chapter 137, and the provisions of this Paragraph D, shall expire on September 11, 2005, unless extended by the General Court of the Commonwealth.

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to fund its acceptance of Chapter 137 of the Acts of 2003, retroactive to September 11, 2001. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following prescribed manner:

Under Section 2. Coverage:

- In the first sentence of paragraph one, **remove** the words "Town Accountant"

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Vote to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previously amended, Chapter 15, Animals, Article 1, Dog Control, in the following prescribed manner:

In Section 15-2. Definitions.

Add new text, in alphabetic order:

KEEPER – Any person, corporation or society, other than the owner, harboring or having in his possession any dog. (MGL Ch 140 Sect 136A)

KENNEL – One pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old or over owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained. (MGL Ch 140 Sect 136A)

LICENSE PERIOD – The time between January first and the following December thirty-first, both dates inclusive.

SHELTER – A public animal control facility, or any other facility which is operated by any organization or individual for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect, or abuse. (MGL Ch 140 Sect 136A)

In Section 15-3. Licensing Procedure.

Add new text, as follows:

G. No person shall be issued a license during a period of two years from the date of his/her being found guilty or penalized for cruelty to animals. Any license already issued must be surrendered immediately following the conviction/penalty upon demand of the Town Clerk. (MGL Ch 140 Sect 137D)

H. No fee received for a license or tag made void under this section shall be refunded to the holder thereof. (MGL Ch 140 Sect 137D)

In Section 15-4. Kennel Licensing.

In Paragraph A. (1)(b) Commercial Kennel:

After "sells" delete "more than"; and after "four" insert "or more", to read in its entirety "one which grooms, boards or trains dogs and/or which sells four or more litters per year."

In Paragraph C., add new text, as follows:

If at any time the inspecting officer finds that conditions are unsanitary or inhumane, or if records are not properly kept as required by law, the officer may revoke or suspend such license. In the case of suspension, the inspecting officer may reinstate such license if the offensive conditions are remedied to the officer's satisfaction.

In Section 15-5. Nonconforming Dogs.

In Paragraph A. Unlicensed Dog.

Delete: April 30
Insert in its place: January 30

Add new text, as follows:

G. Unvaccinated dog – A dog without proof of current rabies vaccination on file with the Town Clerk.

H. Violation of quarantine or order to restrain – allowing a dog to continue to run at large or continue behavior which has been deemed unacceptable by the Board of Selectmen in a prior hearing. Also, to allow a dog to run at large during the dates of a mandated quarantine following the possibility of exposure to rabies, as indicated by a veterinarian or the Animal Inspector or Board of Health.

I. Untagged Dog – a dog found to be without a collar and attached valid Town tag.

In Section 15-9, Formal Complaints
Add new text, as follows:

E. An appeal to the District Court of any order of the Board of Selectmen to remove or destroy a dog shall automatically stay such order until the District Court issues a decision with regard to the order. The owner or keeper of a dog subject to an appealed order of removal or destruction shall be required to restrain the dog during the pendancy of the appeal, as follows: the owner or keeper shall maintain the dog in a safe manner, to include keeping the dog on a leash at all times, keeping the dog inside of the owner or keeper's house except as necessary for the dog to relieve itself, and keeping the dog on the property of the owner or keeper, and/or any other conditions as the Dog Officer or Board of Selectmen shall impose to preserve the public safety.

F. A violation of an order of restraint arising from an appeal of an order to remove or destroy a dog shall result in the immediate impoundment of the dog until such time as the District Court issues a decision with regard to the order, or until such earlier time as the Board of Selectmen shall determine after a hearing.

In Section 15-10. Citations.

In Paragraph A. (3) Fine.

In the first sentence insert after the word "offense,": except for Vicious Dog, for which the maximum fine is $100,

Add new text, as follows:

F. Upon the violation of an order of restraint issued by the Board of Selectmen, the dog shall be immediately impounded. If the order of restraint has been appealed to the District Court, the dog shall be impounded until such time as the District Court makes a decision with regard to appeal of the order of restraint or until such earlier time as the Board of Selectmen shall determine after hearing. If the order has not been appealed to the District Court, the dog shall be impounded pending another hearing of the Board of Selectmen.

G. All impound and daily fees, as set forth in Section 15-13(E), incurred during the period of impound of an animal as a result of any part of this Bylaw, shall be paid by the owner or keeper of the dog.

In Section 15-13. Impoundment and Release.

At the end of Paragraph B, add new text, as follows:

However, if the means of identification of the dog is by a tag other than a current license, the dog will not be released until such time as a license is obtained through the Town Clerk's Office.

Dogs discovered to be unlicensed and/or without verifiable or current rabies vaccination, will be impounded until such time as the rabies vaccination is verified or made current through a veterinarian, and the dog is currently licensed through the Town.

In Paragraph D, after the word "injured," insert the following:

And an owner or keeper is not discovered after reasonable efforts, or if found, the owner or keeper refuses to take responsibility for said dog.

And add the following new sentence:

However, if the dog owner is known or later discovered, and the dog is euthanized, the owner shall be responsible for any outstanding veterinarian bills incurred due to the treatment or euthanization of his/her dog.

In Paragraph E. (1)

Add new text, as follows:

(f) Outstanding veterinarian bills

In Paragraph E. (2) (a) Daily Care

Delete: $5
Insert in its place: $15

and,

Add new text, as follows:

H. Dogs found to be without a current rabies vaccination or current town license shall be impounded until such time as the rabies or licensing information can be either obtained or verified, or until such time as vaccination or licensing are brought to date as required by this article and Massachusetts General Law. (MGL Ch 140 Sect 145B)

H. The owner of a dog impounded for lack of rabies vaccination or licensing, shall pay for the impound fees and any other fees incurred during their dog's impound time. Such fees may include, but are not exclusive to, impound fees, daily fees, and veterinarian fees.

AND

Amend Chapter 1, Non-Criminal Disposition – Article II, Section 1-2 as follows:

Failure to properly license a dog over six (6) months of age:
Second offense: delete: $25
Insert: $30

Running at large:
Fine Allowed: delete: $20
insert: $35

Second Offense: delete: $15
insert: $20

Third Offense: delete: $20
insert: $35

Chasing Pedestrian, Bicycle or any Vehicle:
Fine Allowed: delete: $30
insert: $40

First Offense: delete: $10
insert: $20

Second Offense: delete: $20
insert: $30

Third Offense: delete: $30
insert: $40

Excessive Barking:
Fine Allowed: delete: $25
insert: $40

First Offense: delete: $5
insert: $20

Second Offense: delete: $15
insert: $30

Third Offense: delete: $25
insert: $40

Vicious Dog:
Fine Allowed: delete: $50
insert: $100

Third Offense: delete: $50
insert: $100

And add a new Section, as follows:

Untagged Dog:
Fine Allowed: $15.00

Enforcement Agent: Dog Officers
Police Officers

Fine Schedule: First Offense: $5
Second Offense: $10
Third Offense: $15

(Voice Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 Voted not to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of $220,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing, including the related expense thereof, property located at 10 Everett Avenue, Belchertown, and further identified as Map 244, Parcel 115, and in a deed recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2235, Page 20, now or formerly owned by New Birth Christian Church, Inc. and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate said purchase and to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and to accept a deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown of a fee simple interest or less in said parcel, upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines for municipal purposes and to authorize the Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition. (Not endorsed by Finance Committee 0-4-0)

(Voice Vote – 2/3 Required – Majority No)

Article 25 Voted to appropriate from the stabilization fund the sum of $40,000.00 to match the portion of the Federal grant awarded to the Town of Belchertown's Fire Department. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Voice Vote - 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to amend Article II, Section 145-5 of the Zoning Bylaw, Zoning Map, by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land identified on the Town Assessors' map as Map 238, Lot 183, also known as 125 North Main Street and owned by Colvest-Belchertown Development Co., LP, from B1 Limited Business to B2 General Business, as shown on the Zoning Map Inset on file in the Planning Board office and the Town Clerk's Office; and to change the latest revision date of the Zoning Map of the Town of Belchertown as set forth in Section 145-5.A from June 1992 to May 2004. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Voice Vote Yes)
Hand count not necessary in accordance with town by-law.

Article 27 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, in Section 145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, by changing item 1 under "Residential Uses" to read as follows:

1. Single-unit dwelling (excluding mobile home),

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	*SP/Z*	N	N	N

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – 2/3 Required – 2/3 Voice Vote Yes)
Hand count not necessary in accordance with town by-law.

Article 28 Voted not to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, in the manner printed in Article 28 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and with the following changes recommended by Town Counsel:

- Add the clause "If the accessory apartment is located in the principal single-unit dwelling, …" to the beginnings of conditions 3 and 4 of the proposed Section 145-25.1.B;

- renumber Section 145-25.1.B 7.e to 8,

- then renumber 8 through 13 to 9 through 14 respectively;

- reverse the order of Sections 145-25.1.C and D;

AND

- correct the reference in Section 145-25.1.B.7.e (to be 8) to read *145-25.1.C.*
(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 Required – Yes 112, No 75 – Did not Pass)

Article 29 Voted to amend the Zoning Bylaw, as previously amended, in Section 145-11, Schedule of Use Regulations, by changing items 4, 6, 9, 17, 32, and 36 under "Business Uses" to read as follows:

Previous to the vote on this article Mr. William Terry amended the motion to include a more detailed definition for items 4, 9, 17, and 36 as regards to the business use of floor space over 20,000 square feet. Passed by a majority. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

4. Large store or mall (total floor space from 5,000 square feet to 20,00 will remain *PA in B2),*
4.1 Large store or mall (total floor space over 20,000 square feet),

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	N	N	N	N	N	*SP/P* PA	N	N	N	SP/P PA

6. Combination convenience store/motor vehicle service station/gasoline islands,

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	N	N	N	N	N	*SP/P* PA	SP/Z	N	N	N

9. Service businesses from 5,000 square feet of floor space to20,000 square feet will remain PA in B,.
9.1 Service business with more than 20,000 square feet floor space,

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	N	N	N	N	N	*SP/P* PA	SP/Z	N	N	SP/Z

17. Office, retail, restaurant complex with studios and residential apartments with greater than 5,000 square feet of floor space to 20,000 square feet will remain PA in B2,

17.1 Office, retail, restaurant complex with studio and residential apartments with greater than 20,000 square feet of floor space,

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	N	N	N	N	N	***SP/P*** PA	SP/P PA	N	N	PA

32. Motor vehicle sales and rental;

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	N	N	N	N	N	PA	SP/P PA	***SP/Z***	N	N

36.Indoor sport and athletic facilities 5,000 square feet up to 20,000 square feet will remain PA in B2,

36.1 Indoor sport and athletic facilities over 20,000 square feet of floor space,

Zone District	VR	AG-B	LR	MDR	AG-A	B-2	B-1	I	MHP	LI
	N	N	N	N	N	***SP/P*** PA	SP/P PA	N	N	PA

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0 Yes)

(Voice Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 30 CITIZEN PETITION. Voted to establish a Recreation Commission..

Composition and Term of Office

There shall be a Recreation Commission which shall consist of seven members, appointed at large by the Board of Selectmen. The term of office of commission members shall be for three years. The term of office of commission members shall be so arranged that as nearly an equal number as is possible shall expire each year.

Powers and Duties

The Commission shall set policy, conduct and promote recreation, play, sport, physical education and other programs to meet the leisure time needs of the community and shall have all powers, duties and trusts which are conferred or imposed on Recreation Commissions under the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth. The Commission shall consider the needs of all age groups in the development of programs. The Commission shall submit an annual evaluation of the director to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen. The Recreation Department's budget shall be approved by the Commission. The Commission shall elect annually a Chairman and Vice Chairman from its own members and shall appoint a secretary from within or without the members. The Commission shall have such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by the by-laws or by other vote of the town meeting.

Recreation Committee members holding such office on the effective date of this act shall continue to hold such office for the remainder of their terms for which they were appointed and shall for all purposes be deemed to be commissioners. All acts of the existing Recreation Committee and all contracts and liabilities of the Committee in effect on the effective date of this act shall remain in effect and the Commission and commissioners shall in all respects and for all purposes be the lawful successors of the existing Committee.

This act shall take effect upon its passage. (Endorsed by Recreation Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Yes 107, No 60 – Passed)

Article 31 CITIZEN PETITION. Vote not to repeal the By Law entitled Belchertown Scenic Road Bylaw that was adopted by the Annual Town Meeting on May 12, 2003.

(Vote – Yes 73, No 89)

Article 32 CITIZEN PETITION. Voted to require that the costs of any extension of, or to the town sanitary sewer or public water system, for the purpose of delivering these services to new or unfinished subdivision developments, or approval not required lots, must be paid for in full by the owner, developer or builder of the subdivision, or approval not required lot, including all necessary studies, permits, plans, components of the sewer and water systems, labor and construction costs, and the time and services of town personnel.

(Vote – Yes 69, No 59 – Passed)

Article 33 CITIZEN PETITION. Voted to require all housing units or businesses which will have access to hook up to any portion or any future extension to the section of the Belchertown Sanitary Sewer System which was extended to the Tri-Lakes region in 2001-2004, to pay the same rate of assessments or betterments as the residents, dwelling unit owners or businesses who are, were or will be required to pay assessments or betterments as part of the original Tri-Lakes sewer project.

The funds from these additional assessments or betterments shall be used only to proportionately reduce or rebate the assessments or betterments paid by the residents, dwelling unit owners or businesses who are, were, or will be charged assessments or betterments for the Tri-Lake sewer extension.

(Vote – Yes 60, No 55 – Passed)

Meeting dissolved at 10:46PM

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 10, 2004 - FY05

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
1 – 14	NONE						
15	**Itemized Budget**						
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT (Total)	**$1,325,739.00**					
	1. Moderator, Salary			25.00			
	Expenses			0.00			
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary			12,600.00			
	Wages			350.00			
	Expenses			5,966.00			
	Salary & Wage Reserve			62,535.00			
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		71,113.00	2524.00			
	Wages		68,770.00				
	Expenses		7,190.00				
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		48,512.00				
	Wages		64,715.00				
	Expenses		22,725.00				
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		32,000.00				
	Wages		35,620.00				
	Expenses		10,060.00				
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		48,512.00				
	Wages		109,185.00				
	Expenses		33,850.00				
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		54,695.00				
	Wages		83,830.00				
	Expenses		82,121.00				
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00				
	Assessor (Salary)		46,918.00				
	Wages		144,120.00				
	Expenses		27,700.00				
	Field Review Update		0.00				
	9. Law Account, Fees		81,300.00				
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0.00				
	Expenses		250.00				
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		400.00				
	Wages		17,050.00				
	Expenses		7,660.00				
	12. Planning Board, Salary		51,029.00				
	Wages		20,580.00				
	Expenses		6,260.00				
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00				
	Expenses		695.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
15 (cont'd)	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		420.00				
	15. Tax Force to Broaden Tax Base, Expenses		0.00				
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00				
	17. Conservation Commission, Salary		42,039.00		$3,500.00 (Wetlands Hearing Fee Acct)		
	Wages		8,845.00				
	Expenses		3,375.00				
	PUBLIC SAFETY (Total)	**2,160,465.00**					
	18. Police Department, Salary		114,500.00				
	Wages		1,066,800.00				
	Expenses		156,039.00				
	19. Emergency Medical Services, Wages		9,850.00		275,000.00 (Ambulance Rcts Reserve Acct.)		
	Expenses		104,550.00				
	20. Fire Department, Salary		57,059.00				
	Full Time Wages		66,020.00				
	Wages		70,000.00				
	Expenses		71,416.00				
	21. Injured on Duty, Expenses		10,000.00				
	22. Hydrant Service, Expenses		22,215.00				
	23. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		1,200.00				
	Salary, (Asst. Dog Off.)		600.00				
	Wages		13,726.00				
	Expenses		8,870.00				
	24. Inspection Services, Salary		46,080.00				
	Wages		52,690.00				
	Expenses		12,330.00				
	25. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00				
	Expenses		1,170.00				
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	**18, 752,600.00**					
	26. Town School Department						
	Foundation Spending		17,327,316.00	216,000.00			
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,209,284.00				
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**850,000.00**					
	27. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District						
	Net Budget		850,000.00				
	28. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary		57,059.00				
	Wages		457,111.00				
	Uniforms		8,499.00				
	Expenses		750.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
15 (cont'd)	**DPW – Highways**	**874,862.00**					
	29. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		4,075.00				
	30. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		95,050.00				
	31. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		65,100.00				
	32. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		72,328.00				
	33. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		29,300.00				
	34. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		64,100.00				
	35. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		5,400.00				
	36. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		16,090.00				
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL						
	37. Transfer Station (Total)	**230,970.00**					
	Wages				67,870.00 (Lndfill Rcts)		
	Expenses				67,588.00 (Lndfill Rcts)		95,512.00 (Lndfill Ent free cash)
	Hazardous Waste Day		0.00				
	38. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	**1,242,083.00**					
	Wages		129,370.00				38,800.00 (Sewer Ent Free Cash)
	Expenses				310,063.00 (Sewer Rcts)		17,933.00 (Sewer Ent Free Cash)
	Maturing Debt				583,188.00 (Sewer Rcts)		
	Maturing Debt Interest				162,729.00 (Sewer Rcts)		
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**439,954.00**					
	39. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00				
	Wages		3,432.00				
	Expenses		14,383.00				
	40. Council on Aging, Salary		44,127.00				
	Wages		226,460.00				
	Expenses		25,080.00				
	41. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		12,600.00				
	Agent Expenses		2,030.00				
	Veterans Benefits		80,407.00				
	42. Veterans Graves, Expenses		925.00				
	43. DPW – Cemetery Department, Wages		2,000.00				
	Expenses		25,585.00				
	44. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00				
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	**534,231.00**					

#		TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
15 (cont'd)	45. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		51,569.00				
	Wages		169,510.00				
	Expenses		76,012.00				
	46. Parks and Recreation, Salary		40,560.00				
	Wages		107,736.00				
	Expenses		10,401.00				
	47. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		44,928.00				
	48. Parks & Recreation Beach, Wages & Expenses		2,500.00				
	49. Teen Center, Wages		25,135.00				
	Expenses		2,880.00				
	50. Family Center, Expenses		3,000.00				
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**484,303.00**					
	51. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		264,565.00				
	Expenses		35,706.00				
	52. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		35,890.00				
	53. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		2,200.00				
	54. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00				
	55. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		6,965.00				
	56. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		5,034.00				
	57. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		32,648.00				
	58. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		17,370.00				
	59. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		37,167.00				
	60. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		9,300.00				
	61. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		13,000.00				
	62. DPW-Meadow Bldg., Expenses		0.00				
	63. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		22,858.00				
	64. DPW-Franklin School Bldg., Expenses		1,000.00				
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	**2,126,677.00**					
	65. General insurance, Expense		360,430.00				
	66. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00				
	67. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00				
	68. Health insurance, Expenses		585,000.00				
	69. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,000.00				
	70. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		54,000.00				
	71. Pensions, Expenses		1,103,247.00				
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	**55,073.00**					
	72. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00				
	73. Historical District, Expenses		348.00				
	74. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS	FROM BORROWING	FROM FREE CASH
15 (cont'd)	75. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		4,000.00				
	76. Unclassified Account, Expenses		49,925.00				
	77. Civil War Monument, Expenses		0.00				
	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT (Total)	**4,067,980.00**					
	78. Interest, Expenses		1,718,104.00				
	79. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,349,876.00				
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (Total)	**40,000.00**					
	80.Council of Government, Assessment		40,000.00				
16	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving Court Tax cases	**100.00**	100.00				
17	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**30,000.00**	30,000.00				
18	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**3,000.00**			3,000.00 (Sale of Cemetery Lots Account)		
19 – 20	None						
21	Fund acceptance of Chapter 137 of Acts of 2003	**100.00**	100.00				
22 – 24	None						
25	Match Federal Grant awarded to Fire Department	**40,000.00**		40,000.00			
26 –33	None						
	GRAND TOTAL	**33,258,137.00**	**31,292,954.00**	**340,000.00**	**1,472,938.00**	**-**	**152,245.00**

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2004
BELCHERTOWN, MA

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		PRECINCTS A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Presidential Perference	Badnarik and Campaga		11	5	5	7	28
(Vote for One)	Bush and Cheney		569	688	765	438	2460
	Cobb and LaMarche		12	6	4	18	40
	Kerry and Edwards		1040	1006	1159	1097	4302
	Ralph Nader		4	6	2	2	14
	Blanks		4	1	8	5	18
	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	5	1	7
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Representative in Congress							
First District	John W. Olver		1272	1328	1492	1270	5362
(Vote for One)	Blanks		361	374	428	291	1454
	Sundry Write-ins		8	10	28	7	53
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Councillor							
Eighth Distirct	Peter Vickery		965	967	1078	1034	4044
(Vote for One)	Aaron Bennie Wilson		441	477	565	337	1820
	Blanks		233	266	304	195	998
	Sundry Write-ins		2	2	1	2	7
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

			A	D	TOTAL
Senator in General Court					
Hamphire & Franklin	Stanley C. Rosenberg		1070	1132	2202
District	James D. Miller		427	316	743
(Vote for One)	Blanks		144	119	263
	Sundry Write-ins		0	1	1
		Total	1641	1568	3209

			B	C	TOTAL
enator in General Court					
irst Hampden & Hampshire	Brian P. Lees		1230	1450	2680
istrict	Blanks		476	477	953
ote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		6	21	27
		Total	1712	1948	3660

			A	D	TOTAL
epresentative in General Court					
rst Franklin District	Stephen Kulik		943	941	1884
ote for One)	Jeffrey C. Cranston		392	310	702
	Nathanael Alexander Fortune		106	151	257
	Blanks		191	164	355
	Sundry Write-ins		9	2	11
		Total	1641	1568	3209

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2004
BELCHERTOWN, MA

OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		PRECINCTS		
Representative in General Court			B	C	TOTAL
Seventh Hampden District	Thomas M. Petrolati		1348	1470	2818
(Vote for One)	Blanks		359	470	829
	Sundry Write-ins		5	8	13
		Total	1712	1948	3660

			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Sheriff	Robert Garvey		1152	1163	1327	1137	4779
Hampshire District	William E. Lynch III		231	311	310	203	1055
(Vote for One)	Blanks		255	236	307	225	1023
	Sundry Write-ins		3	2	4	3	12
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

Regional Vocational Technical School Committee							TOTAL
Belchertown	Judith C. Dudek		1175	1272	1394	1099	4940
(Vote for One)	George Castanguay		1	0	0	0	1
	Blanks		465	433	548	464	1910
	Sundry Write-ins		0	7	6	5	18
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

Regional Vocational Technical School Committee			A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Granby	Elizabeth DesRochers		1045	1173	1269	1015	4502
(Vote for One)	Blanks		596	535	671	545	2347
	Sundry Write-ins		0	4	8	8	20
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

Regional Vocational Technical School Committee							TOTAL
Monson	Barbara L. Beaulieu		1021	1149	1229	997	4396
(Vote for One)	Blanks		620	560	711	663	2554
	Sundry Write-ins		0	3	8	8	19
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1668	6969

Regional Vocational Technical School Committee							
New Braintree	George Castanguay		1	1	0	1	TOTAL
(Vote for One)	Blanks		1632	1702	1558	1327	6219
	Sundry Write-ins		8	9	390	240	647
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6866

Regional Vocational Technical School Committee							TOTAL
Palmer	David M Droz		981	1135	1199	955	4270
(Vote for 35)	Blanks		660	574	739	608	2581
	Sundry Write-ins		0	3	10	5	18
		Total	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 2, 2004
BELCHERTOWN, MA

Question #1 is NOT BINDING

Question #1

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation or a constitutional amendment to require that elections to statewide office (such as Governor, Treasurer, Auditor, and Secretary of the Commonwealth) be conducted according to a system of instant runoff voting?

	A	D	TOTAL
YES	669	663	1332
NO	466	435	901
Blanks	506	470	976
Total	1641	1568	3209

Question #2 is NOT BINDING

Question #2

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation requiring that in all separation and divorce proceedings involving minor children, the court shall uphold the fundamental rights of both parents to the shared physical and legal custody of their children and the children's right to maximize their time with each parent, so far as is practical, unless one parent is found unfit or the requirements of existing child support and abuse prevention laws?

	A	D	TOTAL
YES	1146	1140	2286
NO	211	174	385
Blanks	284	254	538
Total	1641	1568	3209

Belchertown Registered Voters

Precincts	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Democrat	664	641	726	678	2709
Republican	322	384	417	229	1352
Green-Rainbow	19	5	6	23	53
Libertarian	9	17	15	15	56
Unenrolled	1149	1252	1332	1142	4875
Other	2	1	1	3	7
Total	2165	2300	2497	2090	9052

	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Votes cast on 11/2/2004 (75.9% Voted)	1641	1712	1948	1568	6869

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ABOUT THE COVER

"Sunrise" – An oil painting of a home located on Turkey Hill Road, Belchertown.
Artist: Robert R. Wordsworth (2005).

DEDICATION

FLOYD “RAY” PEESO, JR.

1933 – 2005

This Annual Town Report is dedicated to Ray Peeso, a life long resident of Belchertown and an active member of our community. For 25 years, Ray served the Town of Belchertown as a volunteer fireman with the Fire Department, as well as serving 12 years on the Cemetery Commission. In addition, Ray proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War.

Many will remember Ray as the owner and operator of F.R. Peeso and Sons Excavating here in Belchertown until his retirement in 1990 but mostly will recall how much he enjoyed spending time with his family, attending antique tractor pulls and collecting Matchbox cars.

IN MEMORIAM

Laurette Allaire
George Allen
Brenda Alley
Donald Benedict
Joyce Benoit
Richard Bertram
Bernice Bragiel
Keith Carpenter
William Carmody
Rodney Champoux
Louis Cincotta, Jr.
Janice Collis
Barbara Converse
Howard Cortis
Clyde Croft
Betty Costantini
Jennie Coto
Clyde Crawford
Karen Curren
Robert Dowler
Theresa Dudek
Elizabeth Dupuis
Mary Dziuba
Sterline Eaton
Audrey Fellion
Clarence Forand
Roger Fournier
Carol Gamache-Taylor
Muriel Garde
Elsa Godin
Robert Gordon
Carole Gossman
Albert Griffin
Edward Griswold
Sondra Grout
Adam Harvie
Lee Hoffman
Merrill Holmes
Nathan Howard, Jr.
Edward Joslyn
Richard Kane
Mildred King
Mary Koob
Matthew Kosloski
Peter LaBoria
Donna Lachance
Virginia Leduc
Roger LaFaille
Edward Laferriere
Nancy Leone
Ellen Levesque
Catherine Mariani
Deborah Markham
Esther McCool
Robert Michalski
Judith Moineau
Nancy Morgan
Edward Nellis
James Nolan, Jr.
Ann Marie Paterwic
Ruth Perry
Marjorie Pelkey
Donald Perham
Richard Potter
Linda Pratt
Edward Rachmaciej
Marjorie Rainaud
Robert Riley
Margaret Ritter
Henry Robert
Barbara Roberts
Virginia Roughgarden
Olive Saba
Robert Sabin
Raymond Shewchuk
Lewis Squires
Walter Sroka
Emily Stephens
Norman Stephens
Alberta Stone
Dorothy Strange
Mark Swank
Fu-Pang Tai
Laura Tarleton
Beatrice Vess
Esther Willette
Robert Westcott

2005 ELECTED OFFICERS

Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Linda E. Barron	5/2006
Suzanne M. Bay	5/2006

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2007
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2006
Ann Austin Pratt	5/2008

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2007
Linda E. Barron	5/2006
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2006
Bonnie R. Strickland	5/2007

Board of Assessors

Samuel J. Joyal	5/2007
Michael P. Forgue	5/2006
Brian J. Fitzpatrick *(elected 5/16/05)*	5/2008
Deborah M. Sammataro	5/2005

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2007
Gary R. Racicot	5/2007
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2006
Kenneth Nolan	5/2008
Sean J. Cleary *(elected 5/16/05)*	5/2008
Lisa Walter-Zucco	5/2005

Housing Authority

James J. Gambaro	5/2006
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2010
Sally M. Dodge	5/2009
John Taras *(elected 5/16/05 - 3 yr term)*	5/2008
F. Knowlton Utley (State Mbr)	2/2007

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2008

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2008
Michael A. O'Connor	11/2006

Planning Board

Joe D. Gilman, Jr.	5/2006
George R. Synan *(elected 5/16/05)*	5/2010
James J. Natle	5/2009
Elizabeth C. Chase	5/2007
Daniel R. Beaudette *(appt 12/12/05)*	5/2006
James A. Barry *(resigned 12/1//05)*	5/2008

School Committee

Mary Ellen O'Reilly Bracey	5/2007
Sharon D. Barnett	5/2006
Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/2006
Eric L. Weiss	5/2008
Linda J. Tsoumas *(elected 5/16/05)*	5/2008
Richard D. White	5/2005

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2007
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2006
Linda E. Barron	5/2006
Alfred J. Roccanti	5/2007
James A. Barry *(elected 5/16/05)*	5/2008
Ronald E. Aponte	5/2005

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2006

2005 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon	6/30/07

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/06

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/07

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J, Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report

Director of Assessments (appointed by Board of Assessors)

John G. Whelihan	6/30/06

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/06

Civil Defense Deputy Director

Mark S. Brouillette	6/30/06

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Ronald R. Beaver	6/30/05

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Conservation Commission

Edward T. Knight	6/30/07
David M. Haines	6/30/06
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/06
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/08
John M. Clements	6/30/06
Kurt I. Nelson	6/30/07
Patrick Lund (full member 10/11/05)	6/30/08
Linda Leduc, Associate Mbr *(appt 9/6/05)*	6/30/06
Tracy L. Roth, Associate Mbr *(appt 10/11/05)*	6/30/06
Kelly Taylor, Associate Mbr *(appt 10/11/05)*	6/30/06
Kevin Fitzgerald, Associate Mbr *(appt 10/11/05)*	6/30/06
Meagan Mazzarino, Associate Mbr *(appt 10/11/05)*	6/30/06
Thomas Psyris, Associate Mbr	6/30/05
Bruce A. Tolpa *(resigned 9/6/05)*	6/30/08
Jay Fitzgerald, Associate *(resigned 1/25/05)*	6/30/05

Constables

Andrew Sears	6/30/05

Name Office Term Expires

Council on Aging

(2/14/05 – Members increased to 9, adding two (2) non-voting members.)

William Kimball	6/30/06
Ed Morais *(appt 5/31/05)*	6/30/06
Patricia M. Courtney *(appt 5/31/05)*	6/30/07
Josephine Fitzgerald	6/30/08
Joan Poole	6/30/08
Madeline Casey *(appt 9/12/05)*	6/30/06
W.Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/05
Jennifer Higgins-Associate Mbr *(appt 9/19/05)*	6/30/06
Charlene Forgue *(resigned 6/1/05)*	6/30/06
Marian Panto *(resigned 3/23/05)*	6/30/06
Sally Dodge *(resigned 4/20/05)*	6/30/05

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sharon Cady-Harrison	6/30/06
Ljuba Marsh	6/30/06
Melanie S. Lewis	6/30/08
Joyce Harper	6/30/06
Amy Rappaport *(appt 9/26/05)*	6/30/08
Sharon McCartney *(appt 10/11/05)*	6/30/08
MaryEllen Miller	6/30/05
Martina Robinson	6/30/05
Sabrina Hamilton *(resigned 10/28/05)*	6/30/07
Arose Nielsen *(resigned 5/23/05)*	6/30/07
Claire Baldwin *(resigned 12/16/05)*	6/30/08

Dog Officer

Terri Hazzard	4/30/06

Assistant Dog Officer

Nancy Hourihan *(appt 6/6/05)*	4/30/06
Wes Stevenson	4/30/05
Richard Marsh	4/30/05

Name Office Term Expires

Dog Pound Keeper

Katie Crutchfield
Laurie Latter

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Jonathan Spiegel, At-Large Seat	6/30/07
William A. Terry, Govt. Seat	6/30/07
Richard Kump, Financial Seat	6/30/07
Kirk Stephens	6/30/06
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Low Income Seat	6/30/08
Richard Steiner-Real Estate Seat	6/30/08
Loy Harris-Industrial Seat	6/30/06
Woody Sherman, Associate	6/30/06
George Synan, Associate	6/30/06
Mark Silver	6/30/05
Scott P. Allen, Associate	6/30/05

EMS Operations Manager

Interim EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer, EMT-Paramedic *(appt 6/27/05)*

EMS Department

David Conkey Call EMT Intermediate	6/30/06
Bruce Jenks Call EMT Basic	6/30/06
Scott Kier Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/06
Jonathan T. Smith Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/06
Edward Dalbec Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/06
Richard Blomstrom Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/06
Stephen Kavanagh Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/06
Wes Stevenson Call EMT Basic	6/30/06
Scott Kozak, Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/06

EMS Department, continued

Benjamin Saunders, Call EMT Basic	6/30/06
Cristina Welch, Call EMT	6/30/06
Maria Furman, Call EMT Basic *(appt 2/14/05)*	6/30/06
Stuart Remensnyder, Call EMT Basic *(appt 6/27/2005)*	6/30/06
Kristina Mitchell Call EMT Basic *(appt 6/27/05)*	6/30/06
Randy Barnes, Call EMT Basic *(appt 6/27/05)*	6/30/06
John Hawley, Call EMT Intermediate *(appt 6/27/05)*	6/30/06
Thomas Majerowski, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/05
Ryan Humason, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/05
Jaime Lubelczyk, Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/05
Brina Fondi, Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/05
Wardell Cox, Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/05
Randy Barnes, Call EMT Basic	6/30/05
Edward Dalbeck, Call EMT Paramedic	6/30/05

EMS Study Committee

Committee Appointed 6/27/05

Linda Tsoumas Citizen at Large Seat	Final Report
Peg Louraine Citizen at Large Seat	Final Report
Jeffrey T. Lavoie Fire Service Seat	Final Report
Michael V. Greco Fire Service Seat	Final Report
Dr. Charles E. Cavagnaro Medical/Hospital Service	Final Report
Stephen Kavanaugh EMS Service Seat	Final Report
Maurice J. Lalumiere Police/Dispatch Service *(resigned 10/25/05)*	Final Report

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/06
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/06
Cindy Brown	6/30/06
Kevin Brown	6/30/06
Carla Chaisson	6/30/06
Kevin LaCroix	6/30/06
Peg Louraine	6/30/06
Mark Nute	6/30/06
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/06

Belchertown Family Center

Lucy Klein	6/30/07
Katherine J. Atkinson	6/30/06
Richard Poissant	6/30/08
Darlene Biskner	6/30/06
Denise Daly *(resigned 9/28/05)*	6/30/07

Finance Committee

Daniel P. Kloss	6/30/07
David A. Reed	6/30/08
Paul M. Silva	6/30/08
Themis Tsoumas	6/30/06
Steven Rose	6/30/07

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/06

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf, Director of Public Health	6/30/06
Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/06

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/06

Inspector of Animal

Gary Racicot	4/30/06

High School Building Committee

Committee Disband - 7/25/2005

Final Report Submitted

Douglas Albertson	Final Report
Eric Bernardin	Final Report
Edward J. Ciosek	Final Report
Patrick S. Daly	Final Report
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	Final Report
Gerald A. Grasso	Final Report
Simon James	Final Report
Robert Lachance	Final Report
Elizabeth Radwilowicz	Final Report
Franklin D. Wenzel	Final Report
Richard White	Final Report
James Brown, Associate Mbr	
David M. Sammataro, Associate	
Melissa Michaud, Non Voting Adjunct	
Thomas O'Donnell, Jr., Non-voting member	
Richard Pazasis, Ex-Officio	

Historical Commission

Judith Fuller Gillan, Associate Mbr	6/30/06
Loy Harris, Associate Mbr	6/30/06
Leslie Squires	6/30/08
F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/06
Genevieve G. Schreiber	6/30/06
Janey M. Cope	6/30/07
Sue Fulton *(appt 9/6/05)*	6/30/08
Alice M. Pelissier *(appt 9/26/05)*	6/30/08
Shannon Materka, *(appt 11/14/05)*	6/30/07
Michael A. Rochon *(appt 9/26/05)*	6/30/08

(resigned 10/7/05)

Historical Commission continued

Patricia A. Lalli *(resigned 9/12/05)*	6/30/07
Bonnie Strickland	6/30/05
Ethel M. Brunson	6/30/05

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/07
Annie M. Steiner	6/30/06
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/08
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect	6/30/06
Rob Condon-At Large	6/30/08
Stacy M. Race	6/30/05
Beth A. Behn	6/30/05
Christine Harper, Associate Mbr	6/30/05
Thomas Psyris, Associate Mbr	6/30/05

Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA)

David Barszcz	Real Estate Seat	6/30/06
Barry Crosby		6/30/08
Paul Dansereau	Financial Seat	6/30/05

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/08

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/06

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/06

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/06

Inspector of Wiring

Paul Choiniere	6/30/06

Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae	6/30/06

Personnel Board

Maureen A. Wildey	6/30/07
Julie W.Peck	6/30/07
M. Florine Neggers	6/30/06
Kathleen Monast	6/30/06
Don Freeman *(appt 5/12/05)*	6/30/08
David C. Kuzmeski	6/30/05

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – AlternateVoting Member for Special Permits

Daniel R. Beaudette *(appt 9/8/05); (resigned 12/13/05)*	6/30/06
George Synan *(resigned 5/22/05)*	7/24/05

Planning Board – Associate Member

Joann J. Shimkin *(resigned 12/05)*
Brenda L. Carron-Lang (resigned 6/05)
William Gubb (resigned 1/05)

Police Candidate Review Committee

Committee Disbanded 9/19/2005

(Final Report Submitted)

James Phaneuf	Final Report
Bonnie Strickland	Final Report
Reverand Emanuel Haqq	Final Report
Jack Drawec	Final Report
Diane Smith	Final Report

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.	12/31/05

Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/06

Police Department – Sergeants

Bruce Jenks	6/30/06
David Conkey	6/30/06
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/06
William A. Panto *(appt 4/7/05)*	6/30/06

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Edward H. Oey	6/30/06
William A. Panto	6/30/05
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/06
James Daniels	6/30/06
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/06
Valerie Cote	6/30/06
Adam Brougham	6/30/06
Neil Lozier	6/30/06
John Raymer	6/30/06
Jason Krol	6/30/06
Steven W. Henn, Jr. *(appt 1/31/05)*	6/30/06
Roy F. Bergeron	6/30/05
Sean Bracey	6/30/05

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

John Bonafini	6/30/06
James Taylor	6/30/06
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/06
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/06
Winthrop Kellog	6/30/06
Linnea Lavoie-Bernard	6/30/06
Dennis M. Fitzgerald	6/30/06
Michael T. Roney, Jr.	6/30/06
Jason Christofori *(appt 9/6/05)*	6/30/06
John Soja *(appt 9/6/05)*	6/30/06
Justin Hooten *(appt 9/6/05)*	6/30/06
Susan Dawley *(resigned 12/19/05)*	6/30/06
Steven W. Henn, Jr.	6/30/05

Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report

Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Besancon, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/06
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/06
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/06

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Joe D. Gilman	6/29/06
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/06
Daniel R. Beaudette	5/2005

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary *(appt 11/21/05)*	6/30/06
W. Daniel Fitzpatrick	6/30/05

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program (Belchertown Representative)

Gregory Galanek	6/30/06

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Rationing Board

David H. Squires	6/30/07
Richard F. Dzialo	6/30/06
Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/08

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Recreation Commission

Kathleen W. Scruton	6/30/07
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski	6/30/07
Thomas P. Kubacki	6/30/07
William Edlridge	6/30/06
Robert L.Chartier *(appt 8/8/2005)*	6/30/06
Karen Schiffer *(appt 8/8/2005)*	6/30/08
Edward Sokolowski (appt 8/8/2005)	6/30/08
Thomas Brown – Associate Mbr *(appt 8/8/2005)*	6/30/06
Daniel Shafer – Associate Mbr *(appt 8/8/2005)*	6/30/06
Bruce C. Smith	6/30/05
Chris Daley, Associate	6/30/05
Rebecca A. Smith *(resigned 7/26/05)*	6/30/06

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory) Regional Economic Development Commission – Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Registrars of Voters

Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/07
M. Florine Neggers	3/31/06
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/08
William R. Barnett	6/30/06

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury	6/30/05

Belchertown High School

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault	6/30/05

Deputy Clerk

John D. Burns *(appt 9/7/04)*	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct A

Elizabeth Leger (Warden)	6/30/05
George Harrell (Clerk)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane Ricchiazzi (Warden)	6/30/05
Jeane D. Paradise (Clerk)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct C

Eileen D. Staples (Warden)	6/30/05
Kenneth W. Rhodes (Clerk)	6/30/05

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	6/30/05
Clair E. Partridge (Clerk)	6/30/05

Rent Control Board

Steven Syriac	6/30/06
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/07
Simon James	6/30/09
Terri L. Hazzard	6/30/05

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

(all appointed 5/2/2005)

Richard Pazasis	6/30/06
Michael O'Connor	6/30/06
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/06
Keith Poulin	6/30/06
Simon R. James	6/30/06
Theresa Glanville	6/30/06
Sharon Barnett	6/30/06

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/06

Senior Center Building Committee

Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report

Senior Center Building Committee, cont.

M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka	Final Report

Skate Park Committee

Chris Kennedy *(appt 7/11/05)*	6/30/06
Karen Genereux *(appt 7/11/05)*	6/30/06
Audrey Miller *(appt 7/11/05)*	6/30/06
Susan J. Darmochwat *(appt 7/11/05)*	6/30/06
Matt Sikes *(appt 7/11/05)*	6/30/06
Aubrey Menard – Assoc Mbr (appt 7/11/05)	6/30/06
Jason Chagnon	6/30/06
Christine Shaw	6/30/06
Steven Syriac	6/30/05

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/06

Tax Title Property Committee

Committee Established 5/17/2005

Douglas Albertson Town Planner	Final Report
Gary Brougham Town Administrator	Final Report
Patrick Lund Conservation Commission	Final Report
John Whelihan Director of Assessments	Final Report
Steven Williams Director of Public Works	Final Report

Name Office Term Expires

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/06
Lew Louraine	6/30/06
James Burke	6/30/06
Christopher deHahn	6/30/06
Kris Pacunas *(appt 6/27/05)*	6/30/06
Ronald Aponte *(appt 8/22/05)*	6/30/06
Ron Akins *(resigned 6/10/05)*	6/30/05
Darrell Weldon *(resigned 5/26/05)*	6/30/05
Nick O'Connor *(resigned 10/4/05)*	6/30/06

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/06

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/07

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane Wolfe	6/30/06

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/05

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/06

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/06

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/06

Veterans' Services Agent

Robert C. Messier	6/30/06

Veterans' Services Study Committee

Committee Established July 25, 2005

Gregory A. Galanek	Final Report
Janet Jourdain	Final Report
Vincent Viglione	Final Report
Esther Pierce	Final Report
Ed Lofland	Final Report

Name Office Term Expires

Veterans Burial Agent

Robert C. Messier

War Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/07
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/08
Edward T. Knight	6/30/06
F. Thomas Keefe	6/30/06
Leo Beauchemin	6/30/06
Susan Gay, Associate Member	6/30/06
Kelly Slate, Associate Member	6/30/06
Peter G. Thorpe	6/30/05

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard G. Barry	6/30/07
Diane Loftus Mas	6/30/06
Raymond G. Goff	6/30/08

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/06
Bernadette Harrigan	6/30/06
Natalie Blais *(appt 10/24/05)*	6/30/06
Patricia M. LaFore	6/30/05

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/06

Board of Selectmen

Left to right – Front: Alfred Roccanti, Gerald Grasso, Linda Barron; Rear: Michael Reardon, James Barry

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

During the majority of the past year, the Board of Selectmen continued to operate with only four members. Since I was still activated and deployed by my Reserve Unit at Westover, the Board exhibited a strong commitment to working with each other. This cooperation along with complete discussions of agenda items resulted in the avoidance of split votes as much as possible on important issues. I fully appreciate the pressure that my absence put on the four remaining Board members during my call to duty. They rose to the challenge and persevered. I would like to express my thanks especially to Mrs. Barron and Mr. Reardon for sitting in for me as Vice Chairman and Chairman during my absence. Thank you both very much.

Once again this year, the composition of the Board of Selectmen changed after the Annual Elections. Mr. James Barry was elected to a seat on the Board. He was welcomed by Board members and myself upon my return. Mr. Barry brings five years of expertise on the Planning Board, both as a member and Chairman. This gives him a strong perspective as to how the Planning Board works and its functions.

Fiscal year 2006 has been a particularly tough year financially for the Town departments and school district. The largest contributor to the difficulties the departments are having ensuring they make ends meet until the end of the fiscal year are directly attributed to the rising energy costs. These costs have skyrocketed primarily as a result of the impact of Hurricane Katrina on energy suppliers. The Town as well as its residents have experienced steeply rising fuel and energy costs with no end in sight. The continued unexpected rises in these areas has raised the concerns among department heads and schools as to their ability to withstand these increases and maintain their budgets to the end of the fiscal year. Spending continues to be limited to those of an emergency nature and those affecting public safety.

As in years past, Belchertown continues to experience high residential growth. Belchertown appears to still be a desirable place to live and raise children. Contributing to this is the good school system and the country atmosphere of the Town. The rate of growth as measured by new housing starts, although still high, dipped slightly last year. Eighty-seven new home building permits were pulled compared to the 93 the year before.

There were several significant accomplishments that are worthy of mention that occurred during the past year. There have been exciting new business developments moving forward on the former Belchertown State School property. The Belchertown EDIC has made significant progress in attracting businesses to Parcel "B". As you drive along Route 202, the new business development can be seen through the trees. A new and larger facility for Hulmes Transportation, a garden center, soon to come office space and other small business propositions are evident. Perhaps the most significant proposed development is the apparent advent of a hotel, convention center, spa and additional phased facility development. The hard work of the Belchertown EDIC members and former associate member Elizabeth Taras with the Hunter Group got this project moving. They put out an RFP for a master developer along with building contractors to take it to the next step. As the largest business site in town offering the best potential for broadening and stabilizing the tax base, please join me in wishing those businesses the best of success.

As a member of the Hampshire Council of Government (COG), we gained an additional seat on that Council as a result of our growth. We now have 4 seats on that council. This results in a heavier weighing for Belchertown of the votes taken by the COG. One of the main reasons for our continued membership in the COG is the potential savings we could realize from the electricity program that has finally been approved by the State. The COG has been working diligently to provide us with a program that will meet the needs of our town. We eagerly await the final offer to see how it compares to competitive offers from other generators and the impact on department budgets.

Having completed the Tri-Lakes Sewer project, the Town continues to move forward with the expansion of the sewer system. Under evaluation are the costs associated with expanding into the Ledgewood area of town. Estimated costs have been determined and the results presented to the residents of Ledgewood for their education and input. If this project moves forward, it will complete the phasing of the sewer expansion that was presented when the wastewater treatment plant was presented to Town Meeting for approval.

During the past year, the Ambulance Service (EMS) was upgraded to the Paramedic level of service. This was accomplished in a minimum of time due to the hard work and planning of the EMS management and the Town Administrator, Mr. Brougham. This level of certification provides the residents of Belchertown with the highest level of medical care when our ambulance responds to emergencies. Kudos to the EMS Dept. for continually striving to provide the best care possible for the patients they transport. Also, mid year, a study committee was formed to investigate whether the EMS should remain a stand-alone organization or be folded into either the Police or Fire Departments. They were then to make a recommendation based on their findings. The recommendation made was that in the committee's opinion, it would be in the best interest of the department and the Town for EMS to come under the Fire Department. More recently, the Board of Selectmen voted to establish a study committee to now dig into the details of how this would be accomplished. Emphasis now being placed on analyzing the costs, logistics, impacts on service and any other information that would be relevant were this move to happen.

A bright note that occurred this year was a program presented to Belchertown residents in need of essential home repairs they couldn't afford. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission through the Community Development Block Grant program was able to receive applications from residents falling into the above category. Once received, the applications were reviewed and compared to the eligibility requirements of the grants. If qualified and funding was available, the repairs were scheduled and construction accomplished. Thus far the results of this program have been extremely successful in Belchertown. Thirteen of nineteen applicants have been determined eligible and funded. These families will have the needed repairs to their homes repaired within the constraints of the program.

Looking ahead to FY 2007, I wish I could paint a prettier budget picture. As you may know, the Town budget is comprised of local taxes and monies received from the State through the Cherry Sheet. Our budget is approximately 50% state money. State revenues this year have increased roughly $900 million. Therefore more revenue is expected for Belchertown. However, the significantly rising fuel, energy and health insurance premiums plus the normal cost increases are presenting particularly difficult problems for our departments in developing their budgets. As in the past though, I do remain optimistic that we will do what needs to be done. I have been impressed with the ability of all town departments, the Finance Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the School Department to come together in our times of need to come up with a workable plan that encompasses the needs of the whole town. This spirit of cooperation has worked well in the past and I am confident it will work again to ensure our town can provide the necessary services that are required.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald A Grasso, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Under Belchertown's form of government, the Town Administrator is directly responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Town, with the Board of Selectmen establishing policy and procedure.

The Town Administrator's office is located in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen's Office in the Finnerty House at One South Main Street, Belchertown. On a regular basis, these combined offices are responsible for many of the very essential services and/or municipal permitting and licensing requirements within the Town of Belchertown.

The Town Administrator on a routine basis manages a number of grant and/or loan initiatives, workers' compensation claims, insurance which covers all of the Town's buildings and properties, human resources, community events, capital planning and budgeting, conflict resolution, preparation for litigation, interviews, disciplinary actions and other subject matter associated with this office. In addition, the Town Administrator works very closely with the Board of Selectmen on a regular basis and prepares meeting agendas for the Board's weekly meetings and/or special events. The Town Administrator also works very closely with private developers and/or municipal boards or commissions to oversee development within the community. Not surprisingly, Belchertown continues to experience very impressive residential growth and increasing activity on the business side.

Over the past 12 months several business locations have been approved and are actually under construction at this time. One of the most impressionable will be the new medical complex adjacent to the CVS complex. There are also a number of planned starts for spring construction that will certainly broaden Belchertown's business tax base in the years to come. What is particularly difficult in the location of these new businesses is attracting desirable business the community can support without negatively impacting businesses that currently operate within our community and/or significantly impacting the rural character of Belchertown.

The Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and other associated town boards and committees have been very cognizant of the need to balance this business development. With a number of our long-term objectives in place, we are well positioned to enter serious discussions with any interested parties in this regard. The Town currently participates with the Massachusetts Office of Business Development offering such programs as TIF (tax incremental financing), DIF (development incremental financing), historic tax credits, Massachusetts business tax credits, in addition to other grants and/or financial incentives. We have also invested in the Town's key infrastructure, extending the Town's water resources and/or wastewater infrastructure to provide greater capability and expanded service areas to complement our efforts to bring business-based tax dollars to our community.

Unfortunately, our momentum in this area has been eroded by the faltering State economy. Over the past several years, Belchertown and every other Massachusetts municipality has experienced significant reductions in State Aid. Consequently, the Town's dependency on local receipts has been far greater as a result. There seems to be strong indications there will be a shift in this downward trend in the upcoming fiscal year. This will be great news shall it materialize, as the Town will be better positioned to address badly needed staffing and/or department operational budgets as a result.

In spite of all this financial distress, the Town of Belchertown remains a very desirable community to reside. On an ongoing basis, residents of this community have the benefit of open space, clean air, an exceptional school system, and the benefits one would expect from living in a rural community. In addition, on a regular basis, any number of town boards, committees and/or local associations provide the residents of this community with very desirable attractions such as the concerts of the Common, the Belchertown Fair, the Belchertown Stone House Museum's Living History Days, the Belchertown Farmers Market on the Common, and the list goes on. These events would not be possible without the very dedicated support of so many town employees, elected officials and/or volunteers who give so freely of their time and resources. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator's Office, I would to extend a very sincere thank you to each and every one of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during his or her term. The Board of Selectmen, other Town officers or other boards do not govern the Committee.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters, and
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each Town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews Warrant Articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting. For fiscal year 2006, the Reserve Fund was funded at $30,000.

For fiscal year 2006 (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006) the Town originally appropriated, through Annual Town Meeting, a total operating budget of $34,637,912. This amount represents a $1,190,218 (3.55%) increase over the fiscal year 2005 budget.

The table below summarizes the changes in funding for the Town accounts. Accounts not mentioned are level funded for fiscal year 2006.

DEPARTMENT	$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Town Schools	+$949,823	+4.17
Pathfinder Assessment	-$66,731	-7.68
General Government	+$51,870	+3.92
Public Safety Dept.'s	+$97,302	+4.40
DPW Highways	+$43,419	+4.92
DPW Sewer & Landfill	+$48,642	+3.29
DPW Cemeteries	+$200	+0.73
Human Services	+$29,383	+5.35
Culture & Recreation	+$33,610	+6.12
DPW Bldgs & Grounds	+$19,535	+3.82
Pensions, Insurance	+$221,875	+10.43
Unclassified	+$2,000	+3.63
Interest, Debt	-$240,710	-5.92

This level of funding, due to budget constraints at both the state and town level, is not adequate to fund any expenditure beyond minimum salary increases or address other necessary priorities of the Town. Almost all discretionary capital projects and improvements and maintenance and repair expenditures have been suspended for a two-year period.

As in 2005, the 2006 budget required $300,000 from the Town's Stabilization Fund Account to be balanced. At a Special Town Meeting held in December 2005, after the certification of Free Cash and a revised estimate from local tax receipts, an additional $228,412 was appropriated for increased energy costs, $38,000 for a one-ton pick-up truck, and $300,000 to repay the Stabilization Fund Account. The balance in the Stabilization Fund Account was $683,078 on December 31,2005.

The Finance Committee is committed to act responsibly and examine each request made in the Department budgets, which comprise the overall operating budget for the Town. We are also committed to advising the Town Meeting on any capital appropriation in a manner that has reviewed factors including cost efficiency, cost savings and increased service, which will benefit the residents of Belchertown. We are in a position to work collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee during the annual budget process and as needs arise during the fiscal year with the common goal of providing quality services and maintaining prudent financial decision-making. It is with these things in mind that the Finance Committee exercises its responsibility to advise Town Meeting on matters which impact the amount of tax dollars paid by the residents and homeowners of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee
David Reed, Chairman
Daniel Kloss, Vice Chairman
Themis Tsoumas, Clerk
Paul Silva
Steven Rose

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2005

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	1,925,290.92	1,338,914.52	605,051.71	325,198.79	158,872.30	1,769,931.88		6,123,260.12
Petty Cash Advance	100.00	5,640.00						5,740.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	397,466.78							397,466.78
Property Taxes of 2006	8,040,404.27							8,040,404.27
Chapter 61	63,327.14							63,327.14
Excise Taxes	242,569.69							242,569.69
Tax Liens	879,568.72			6,826.87				886,395.59
Special Assessments	138,929.71			5,334,155.43				5,473,085.14
Departmental	277,137.20			49,837.33				326,974.53
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(200,634.42)							(200,634.42)
Tax Foreclosures	47,881.91							47,881.91
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
CPA Surcharge Receivable		63,942.56						
Due From Other Governments	82,524.93	610,588.01	83,819.14					776,932.08
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	0.00	385,000.00						385,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							49,246,877.64	49,246,877.64
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							210,039.83	210,039.83
Total Assets	11,894,566.85	2,404,085.09	688,870.85	5,716,018.42	158,872.30	1,769,931.88	49,456,917.47	72,025,320.30

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2005

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	476,992.53	57,332.51	21,844.83	33,041.64	4,620.62	2,405.55		596,237.68
Employee Withholdings	455,269.27	2,950.00						458,219.27
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	8,133,236.63							8,133,236.63
Chapter 61	63,327.14							63,327.14
Excise Taxes	242,569.69							242,569.69
Tax Liens	879,568.72			6,826.87				886,395.59
Special Assessments	138,929.71			5,334,155.43				5,473,085.14
Lieu Taxes	0.00							0.00
Departmental	277,137.20			49,837.33				326,974.53
Tax Foreclosures	47,881.91							47,881.91
CPA Surcharge Receivable		63,942.56						
Government Receivable	82,524.93	610,588.01	83,819.14					776,932.08
Grant Receivable								0.00
Grant Anticipation Notes Payable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	0.00	385,000.00						385,000.00
Unclaimed Checks	12,973.71							12,973.71
Bond Indebtedness							49,246,877.64	49,246,877.64
Compensated Absences							210,039.83	210,039.83
Total Liabilities	10,810,411.44	1,119,813.08	105,663.97	5,423,861.27	4,620.62	2,405.55	49,456,917.47	66,923,693.40
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	260,932.96							260,932.96
Reserve for Expenditures				31,635.00	60,246.00			91,881.00
Fund Bal. Designated for Over/Under								0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	823,222.45							823,222.45
Reserved Fund Balance		1,237,184.79	583,206.88	260,522.15	94,005.68	1,767,526.33		3,942,445.83
Title V Septic System Loan		47,087.22						47,087.22
Total Fund Equity	1,084,155.41	1,284,272.01	583,206.88	292,157.15	154,251.68	1,767,526.33	0.00	5,165,569.46
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	11,894,566.85	2,404,085.09	688,870.85	5,716,018.42	158,872.30	1,769,931.88	49,456,917.47	72,089,262.86

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

ASSETS		
Cash		1,925,290.92
Petty Cash Advance		100.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	397,466.78	
Property Taxes of 2006	8,040,404.27	
Chapter 61	63,327.14	
Excise Taxes	242,569.69	
Tax Liens	879,568.72	
Special Assessments	138,929.71	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	277,137.20	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	82,524.93	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(200,634.42)	
		9,921,294.02
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		0.00
Tax Foreclosure		47,881.91
Total Assets		11,894,566.85
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		476,992.53
Employee Withholdings		455,269.27
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	8,133,236.63	
Chapter 61	63,327.14	
Excise Taxes	242,569.69	
Tax Liens	879,568.72	
Special Assessments	138,929.71	
Lieu Taxes	0.00	
Departmental	277,137.20	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	82,524.93	
Tax Foreclosures	47,881.91	
		9,865,175.93
BANS Payable		0.00
Unclaimed Checks		12,973.71
Total Liabilities		10,810,411.44
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		0.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		260,932.96
Fund Balance Designated for Over/Under		0.00
Unreserved Fund Balance		823,222.45
Total Fund Equity		1,084,155.41
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		11,894,566.85

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

			GRANTS			School			Totals
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	(Memo Only)
ASSETS									
Cash	523.37	(321,504.39)	52,579.33	130,876.31	119,375.06	198,328.09	872,189.25	286,547.50	1,338,914.52
Petty Cash Advance							5,640.00		5,640.00
Due From Commonwealth		348,784.96		261,800.00					610,584.96
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable				385,000.00					385,000.00
Surcharge Receivable	63,942.56								63,942.56
Due from Federal Government			0.05				3.00		3.05
Total Assets	64,465.93	27,280.57	52,579.38	777,676.31	119,375.06	198,328.09	877,832.25	286,547.50	2,404,085.09
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable			5,143.55	5,155.51	7,830.47	2,003.46	35,248.24	1,951.28	57,332.51
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		348,784.96	0.05	261,800.00			3.00		610,588.01
Employee Withholdings								2,950.00	2,950.00
Bond Anticipation Note				385,000.00					385,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	63,942.56								63,942.56
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable									0.00
Total Liabilities	63,942.56	348,784.96	5,143.60	651,955.51	7,830.47	2,003.46	35,251.24	4,901.28	1,119,813.08
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	523.37	(321,504.39)	47,435.78	125,720.80	111,544.59	196,324.63	795,493.79	281,646.22	1,237,184.79
Title V Septic System Loan							47,087.22		47,087.22
Total Fund Equity	523.37	(321,504.39)	47,435.78	125,720.80	111,544.59	196,324.63	842,581.01	281,646.22	1,284,272.01
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	64,465.93	27,280.57	52,579.38	777,676.31	119,375.06	198,328.09	877,832.25	286,547.50	2,404,085.09

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

	High School	Police Station Sr. Center	Fire Station	WWTP Upgrade PVP/Tri-Lakes	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS						
Cash	327,971.05	13,202.66	0.00	251,154.70	12,723.30	605,051.71
WPAT Receivable				83,819.14		83,819.14
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable				0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.				0.00		0.00
Total Assets	327,971.05	13,202.66	0.00	334,973.84	12,723.30	688,870.85
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY						
Liabilities:						
Warrants Payable	0.00	2,682.00	0.00	19,162.83		21,844.83
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble				83,819.14		83,819.14
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant				0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note				0.00		0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payabl				0.00		0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	2,682.00	0.00	102,981.97	0.00	105,663.97
Fund Equity:						
Reserved Fund Balance	327,971.05	10,520.66	0.00	231,991.87	12,723.30	583,206.88
Total Fund Equity	327,971.05	10,520.66	0.00	231,991.87	12,723.30	583,206.88
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	327,971.05	13,202.66	0.00	334,973.84	12,723.30	688,870.85

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

ASSETS		
Cash		325,198.79
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	1,801.02	
Sewer User Fees	48,036.31	
Assessments	5,334,155.43	
Due from Tax Liens - Sewer	6,826.87	
		5,390,819.63
Total Assets		5,716,018.42
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		33,041.64
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	1,801.02	
Sewer User Fees	48,036.31	
Assessments	5,334,155.43	
Tax Liens - Sewer	6,826.87	
		5,390,819.63
Total Liabilities		5,423,861.27
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		31,635.00
Retained Earnings		260,522.15
Total Fund Equity		292,157.15
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		5,716,018.42

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

ASSETS	
Cash	158,872.30
Total Assets	158,872.30
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	4,620.62
Total Liabilities	4,620.62
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	60,246.00
Retained Earnings	94,005.68
Total Fund Equity	154,251.68
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	158,872.30

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

ASSETS	
Cash	1,032,250.45
Total Assets	1,032,250.45
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	2,405.55
Total Liabilities	2,405.55
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	1,029,844.90
Total Fund Equity	1,029,844.90
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	1,032,250.45

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

ASSETS	
Cash	737,681.43
Total Assets	737,681.43

LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	737,681.43
Total Fund Balance	737,681.43
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	737,681.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

	SPED Loan of 2001	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Inel. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rd MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	FmHA USDA Pine Valley Springfield Rd	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT
ASSETS														
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	32,000.00	27,490,000.00	278,000.00	1,466,000.00	5,225,000.00	6,384,400.00	406,646.00	484,194.00	1,024,662.00	28,828.63	61,913.01	715,000.00	1,808,769.00	3,841,465.00
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence														
Total Assets	32,000.00	27,490,000.00	278,000.00	1,466,000.00	5,225,000.00	6,384,400.00	406,646.00	484,194.00	1,024,662.00	28,828.63	61,913.01	715,000.00	1,808,769.00	3,841,465.00
LIABILITIES														
Bond Indebtedness	32,000.00	27,490,000.00	278,000.00	1,466,000.00	5,225,000.00	6,384,400.00	406,646.00	484,194.00	1,024,662.00	28,828.63	61,913.01	715,000.00	1,808,769.00	3,841,465.00
Compensated Absences														
Total Liabilities	32,000.00	27,490,000.00	278,000.00	1,466,000.00	5,225,000.00	6,384,400.00	406,646.00	484,194.00	1,024,662.00	28,828.63	61,913.01	715,000.00	1,808,769.00	3,841,465.00

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2005

Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
		49,246,877.64
47,239.09	162,800.74	210,039.83
47,239.09	162,800.74	49,456,917.47
		49,246,877.64
47,239.09	162,800.74	210,039.83
47,239.09	162,800.74	49,456,917.47

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	15,621,940.15						15,621,940.15
State Receipts	13,741,134.27						13,741,134.27
Excise Taxes	1,543,610.43						1,543,610.43
Tax Liens	177,664.74						177,664.74
Lieu Taxes	205,690.71						205,690.71
Licenses & Permits	237,191.20						237,191.20
Special Assessments	35,817.12						35,817.12
Interest	308,045.72	4,412.90		4,007.44		49,073.57	365,539.63
Fines & Forfeits	91,920.00						91,920.00
Departmental Revenue	435,456.86	2,329,984.44		1,286,419.47	228,246.05	951.59	4,281,058.41
Fees	73,019.15						73,019.15
Rentals	55,682.05						55,682.05
Umass Transit	31,570.00						31,570.00
Other Miscellaneous	55,357.13	330,452.73					385,809.86
Grants		2,012,543.16					2,012,543.16
Performance Guarantees		68,367.30					68,367.30
Gifts		140,748.07					140,748.07
Temporary Loans		385,000.00	546,750.00				931,750.00
MWPAT			1,406,366.24				1,406,366.24
Bond Proceeds			441,000.00				441,000.00
Total Revenues	32,614,099.53	5,271,508.60	2,394,116.24	1,290,426.91	228,246.05	50,025.16	41,848,422.49
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,310,706.94	488,009.32					1,798,716.26
Protection of Persons & Property	2,164,946.07	386,254.48					2,551,200.55
Education	19,757,839.54	2,952,056.02					22,709,895.56
Public Works	1,676,681.07	552,129.72		500,801.37	253,892.63	3,627.76	2,987,132.55
Human Services	509,744.99	222,942.31				21,831.62	754,518.92
Culture & Recreation	540,677.38	293,956.17					834,633.55

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	2,194,722.52						2,194,722.52
Debt & Interest	4,044,003.14			715,695.94			4,759,699.08
State Assessments	546,145.00						546,145.00
Prior Year Expenditures	665,674.33						665,674.33
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			1,185,588.69				1,185,588.69
Equipment			166,179.96				166,179.96
Return of Unexpended Funds			0.00				0.00
Temporary Loan			1,113,750.00				1,113,750.00
Total Expenditures	33,411,140.98	4,895,348.02	2,465,518.65	1,216,497.31	253,892.63	25,459.38	42,267,856.97
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(797,041.45)	376,160.58	(71,402.41)	73,929.60	(25,646.58)	24,565.78	(419,434.48)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	1,648,662.16	8,413.56	0.00	130,860.00	24,140.00	365,875.51	2,177,951.23
Operating Transfers Out	1,513,413.56	283,662.16	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	340,000.00	2,138,075.72
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	135,248.60	(275,248.60)	0.00	129,860.00	24,140.00	25,875.51	39,875.51
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(661,792.85)	100,911.98	(71,402.41)	203,789.60	(1,506.58)	50,441.29	(379,558.97)
Audit Adjustment	(12,461.50)						(12,461.50)
Fund Balance 7-1-04	1,758,409.76	1,180,670.23	654,609.29	88,367.55	155,758.26	979,403.61	4,817,218.70
Fund Balance 6-30-05	1,084,155.41	1,281,582.21	583,206.88	292,157.15	154,251.68	1,029,844.90	4,425,198.23

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	15,563,247.00	15,621,940.15	58,693.15
State Receipts	13,532,503.00	13,741,134.27	208,631.27
Excise Taxes	1,501,800.00	1,543,610.43	41,810.43
Tax Liens	0.00	177,664.74	177,664.74
Lieu Taxes	196,000.00	205,690.71	9,690.71
Licenses & Permits	186,700.00	237,191.20	50,491.20
Special Assessments	30,000.00	35,817.12	5,817.12
Interest	356,500.00	308,045.72	(48,454.28)
Fines & Forfeits	61,000.00	91,920.00	30,920.00
Departmental Revenue	341,228.00	435,456.86	94,228.86
Fees	65,740.00	73,019.15	7,279.15
Rentals	55,000.00	55,682.05	682.05
Umass Transit	30,700.00	31,570.00	870.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	55,357.13	55,357.13
Temporary Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	31,920,418.00	32,614,099.53	693,681.53
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,345,108.20	1,310,706.94	34,401.26
Protection of Persons & Property	2,245,045.00	2,164,946.07	80,098.93
Education	19,783,632.00	19,757,839.54	25,792.46
Public Works	1,707,286.38	1,676,681.07	30,605.31
Human Services	524,978.99	509,744.99	15,234.00
Culture & Recreation	550,312.00	540,677.38	9,634.62
Insurance & Unclassified	2,354,959.60	2,194,722.52	160,237.08
Debt & Interest	4,045,980.00	4,044,003.14	1,976.86
State Assessments	522,295.00	546,145.00	(23,850.00)
Prior Year Expenditures	758,887.23	665,674.33	93,212.90
Total Expenditures	33,838,484.40	33,411,140.98	427,343.42
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(797,041.45)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	955,167.00	1,648,662.16	
Operating Transfers Out	502,000.00	1,513,413.56	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	453,167.00	135,248.60	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		(661,792.85)	
Audit Adjustments		(12,461.50)	
Fund Balance 7/1/04		1,758,409.76	
Fund Balance 6/30/05		1,084,155.41	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY06
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	$25.00	$25.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$18,916.00	$18,501.41	$414.59	
Town Administrator	$154,147.00	$153,005.83	$1,141.17	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,500.00	$1,447.99	$52.01	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$205.75	$44.25	
Reserve Fund	$3,900.00	$0.00	$3,900.00 *	
Town Accountant	$140,714.00	$139,825.39	$888.61	
MIS Director	$225,789.00	$215,869.34	$9,919.66	
Assessors	$229,344.00	$219,076.40	$10,267.60	$7,950.00
Treasurer/Collector	$220,495.00	$220,257.41	$237.59	
Law Account	$96,300.00	$95,218.05	$1,081.95	
Town Clerk	$80,059.00	$80,027.37	$31.63	
Election & Registration	$25,550.00	$25,212.93	$337.07	
Conservation Commission	$59,376.00	$58,635.30	$740.70	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,945.20	$1,945.20	$0.00	
Planning Board	$80,483.00	$76,426.85	$4,056.15	
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00	$1,956.02	$738.98	
EDIC	$420.00	$268.32	$151.68	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$37.19	$62.81	
Printing Town Report	$3,000.00	$2,765.19	$234.81	
	$1,345,108.20	$1,310,706.94	$34,401.26	$7,950.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$1,379,707.00	$1,345,607.61	$34,099.39	$2,536.00
Fire Department	$267,667.00	$266,033.49	$1,633.51	
Asst - Firefighters grant match	$40,000.00	$40,000.00	$0.00	
Hydrant Service	$22,515.00	$22,514.40	$0.60	
EMS	$392,250.00	$372,273.16	$19,976.84	
Injured on Duty	$3,500.00	$0.00	$3,500.00	
Inspection Services	$113,490.00	$104,311.18	$9,178.82	$146.56
Civil Defense	$1,520.00	$1,188.76	$331.24	
Dog Officer	$24,396.00	$13,017.47	$11,378.53	
	$2,245,045.00	$2,164,946.07	$80,098.93	$2,682.56
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$18,915,109.00	$18,889,316.54	$25,792.46	$25,688.81
Regional School	$868,523.00	$868,523.00	$0.00	
	$19,783,632.00	$19,757,839.54	$25,792.46	$25,688.81

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY06
PUBLIC WORKS				
Personal Services	$529,348.00	$527,573.89	$1,774.11	
Professional Engineering	$5,400.00	$5,399.89	$0.11	
Administration	$4,825.00	$4,396.80	$428.20	
Snow & Ice Control	$340,654.38	$338,650.62	$2,003.76 **	
Street Lighting	$29,300.00	$28,950.82	$349.18	
Road Machinery	$87,600.00	$86,369.44	$1,230.56	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$59,100.00	$59,090.32	$9.68	
Town Garage	$19,990.00	$18,883.50	$1,106.50	
Hired Services	$68,828.00	$68,737.99	$90.01	
Maintenance/Grounds	$300,181.00	$286,146.45	$14,034.55	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$56,090.00	$56,077.01	$12.99	
Finnerty House	$5,965.00	$4,947.38	$1,017.62	
EMS Building	$9,300.00	$8,906.78	$393.22	
Police Station	$35,867.00	$34,238.82	$1,628.18	
Senior Center Building	$38,441.00	$38,216.85	$224.15	
Recreation Building	$21,120.00	$19,281.68	$1,838.32	
Freedom Center	$18,500.00	$17,724.78	$775.22	
Berkshire Building	$10,000.00	$9,841.80	$158.20	
Franklin School Building	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$0.00	
Fire Station	$26,058.00	$25,504.41	$553.59	
Old Town Hall	$7,334.00	$6,363.03	$970.97	
Town Common	$1,200.00	$773.81	$426.19	
Town Clock	$600.00	$600.00	$0.00	
Cemetery Department	$30,585.00	$29,005.00	$1,580.00	
	$1,707,286.38	$1,676,681.07	$30,605.31	$0.00
HUMAN SERVICES				
Board of Health	$20,640.00	$9,521.62	$11,118.38	
Quabbin Health District	$103,223.99	$103,223.99	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$300,677.00	$297,120.10	$3,556.90	$450.00
Veterans' Services	$100,438.00	$99,879.28	$558.72	
	$524,978.99	$509,744.99	$15,234.00	$450.00
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Clapp Memorial Library	$304,609.00	$303,652.02	$956.98	
Recreation Department	$165,135.00	$162,244.58	$2,890.42	
Recreation - Pool	$44,928.00	$41,350.81	$3,577.19	
Teen Center Operating	$28,992.00	$27,581.99	$1,410.01	
Town Beach	$2,500.00	$2,499.98	$0.02	
Family Center	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$0.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$348.00	$0.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$550,312.00	$540,677.38	$9,634.62	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY06
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$49,625.00	$43,590.41	$6,034.59	
Civil War Monument	$1,850.00	$1,850.00	$0.00	
Council of Governments	$40,000.00	$40,000.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$1,103,247.00	$1,103,247.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$5,650.00	$200.00	$5,450.00	
Unemployment	$5,000.00	$76.67	$4,923.33	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$587,500.00	$581,603.60	$5,896.40	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,000.00	$2,971.04	$1,028.96	
Medicare-Town Share	$57,500.00	$56,407.04	$1,092.96	
General Insurance	$361,930.00	$361,502.84	$427.16	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$3,657.60	$3,273.92	$383.68	
Fuller Property Purchase	$135,000.00	$0.00	$135,000.00	$135,000.00
	$2,354,959.60	$2,194,722.52	$160,237.08	$135,000.00
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,349,876.00	$2,349,875.17	$0.83	
Interest	$1,696,104.00	$1,694,127.97	$1,976.03	
	$4,045,980.00	$4,044,003.14	$1,976.86	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$1,431.00	$430.85	$1,000.15	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$26,879.18	$26,879.18	$0.00	
School Department	$11,976.07	$11,976.07	$0.00	
Culture & Recreation	$504.63	$504.63	$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	$718,096.35	$625,883.60	$92,212.75	$91,003.81
	$758,887.23	$665,674.33	$93,212.90	$91,003.81

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY06
SUMMARY				
General Government	$1,345,108.20	$1,310,706.94	$34,401.26	$7,950.00
Protection of Persons/Property	$2,245,045.00	$2,164,946.07	$80,098.93	$2,682.56
Education	$19,783,632.00	$19,757,839.54	$25,792.46	$25,688.81
Public Works	$1,707,286.38	$1,676,681.07	$30,605.31	$0.00
Human Services	$524,978.99	$509,744.99	$15,234.00	$450.00
Culture & Recreation	$550,312.00	$540,677.38	$9,634.62	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$2,354,959.60	$2,194,722.52	$160,237.08	$135,000.00
Debt & Interest	$4,045,980.00	$4,044,003.14	$1,976.86	$0.00
	$32,557,302.17	$32,199,321.65	$357,980.52	$171,771.37
Encumbered Funds	$758,887.23	$665,674.33	$93,212.90	$91,003.81
TOTALS	$33,316,189.40	$32,864,995.98	$451,193.42	$262,775.18

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

**MEMA-45,604.38 added to budget amt. to balance out actual exp

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS Federal	GRANTS State	GRANTS School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Revenues:									
Grants		148,930.22	1,162,163.47	237,151.69	150,371.99		313,925.79		2,012,543.16
Collections & Fees			45,002.75	18,068.50	592,008.49	374,020.49	1,148,633.34	152,250.87	2,329,984.44
Interest	0.09						419.03	3,993.78	4,412.90
Performance Guarantees								68,367.30	68,367.30
Gifts			526.16				140,221.91		140,748.07
Temporary Loans				385,000.00					385,000.00
Other	523.28						11,374.00	318,555.45	330,452.73
Total Revenues	523.37	148,930.22	1,207,692.38	640,220.19	742,380.48	374,020.49	1,614,574.07	543,167.40	5,271,508.60
Expenditures:									
General Government				386,623.00			38,298.43	63,087.89	488,009.32
Protection of Persons & Property			236,062.49	44,394.83			14,800.89	90,996.27	386,254.48
Education			770,929.42	125,909.69	705,002.25	261,885.03	757,834.40	330,495.23	2,952,056.02
Department of Public Works		453,809.21		0.00			98,320.51		552,129.72
Human Services			170,655.91	33,130.23			19,030.17	126.00	222,942.31
Culture & Recreation				22,309.36			268,646.81	3,000.00	293,956.17
Debt & Interest									0.00
Total Expenditures	0.00	453,809.21	1,177,647.82	612,367.11	705,002.25	261,885.03	1,196,931.21	487,705.39	4,895,348.02
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	523.37	(304,878.99)	30,044.56	27,853.08	37,378.23	112,135.46	417,642.86	55,462.01	376,160.58
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In			8,413.56						8,413.56
Operating Transfers Out			51.28	54.94			283,555.94		283,662.16
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	8,362.28	(54.94)	0.00	0.00	(283,555.94)	0.00	(275,248.60)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

			GRANTS						
		Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	523.37	(304,878.99)	38,406.84	27,798.14	37,378.23	112,135.46	134,086.92	55,462.01	100,911.98
Balance 7-1-04	0	(16,625.40)	9,028.94	515,966.79	74,166.36	84,189.17	284,809.96	229,134.41	1,180,670.23
Balance 6-30-05	523.37	(321,504.39)	47,435.78	543,764.93	111,544.59	196,324.63	418,896.88	284,596.42	1,281,582.21

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

	High School	Police Station/ Sr. Center	Fire Station	WWTP & Other Sewer	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:						
MWPAT				1,406,366.24		$1,406,366.24
USDA Grant						$0.00
USDA Loan						$0.00
Temporary Loans				546,750.00		$546,750.00
Bond Proceeds				441,000.00		$441,000.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,394,116.24	0.00	$2,394,116.24
Expenditures:						
Construction	$17,500.00	$15,230.25		$1,152,858.44		$1,185,588.69
Equipment	$72,031.20		$386.78	$93,761.98		$166,179.96
Return of Unexpended Funds						$0.00
Temporary Loans				$1,113,750.00		$1,113,750.00
Total Expenditures	$89,531.20	$15,230.25	$386.78	$2,360,370.42	$0.00	$2,465,518.65
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	($89,531.20)	($15,230.25)	($386.78)	$33,745.82	$0.00	($71,402.41)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Operating Transfers In						$0.00
Operation Transfers Out						
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	($89,531.20)	($15,230.25)	($386.78)	$33,745.82	$0.00	($71,402.41)
Fund Balance 7-1-04	$417,502.25	$25,750.91	$386.78	$198,246.05	$12,723.30	$654,609.29
Fund Balance 6-30-05	$327,971.05	$10,520.66	$0.00	$231,991.87	$12,723.30	$583,206.88

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2005

Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
674,000.00	689,417.05	15,417.05
348,980.00	573,982.42	225,002.42
27,000.00	23,000.00	(4,000.00)
0.00	4,007.44	4,007.44
6,000.00	20.00	(5,980.00)
1,055,980.00	1,290,426.91	234,446.91
517,906.00	500,801.37	17,104.63
725,667.00	715,695.94	9,971.06
1,243,573.00	1,216,497.31	27,075.69
	73,929.60	
130,860.00	130,860.00	0.00
(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	0.00
131,860.00	129,860.00	0.00
	203,789.60	
	88,367.55	
	292,157.15	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2005

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	135,458.00	226,764.30	91,306.30
Sale of Recycling		1,481.75	
Total Revenue	135,458.00	228,246.05	92,788.05
Expenditures:			
Environmental	255,110.00	253,892.63	1,217.37
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	255,110.00	253,892.63	1,217.37
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(25,646.58)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	24,140.00	24,140.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	24,140.00	24,140.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		(1,506.58)	
Fund Balance 7/1/04		155,758.26	
Fund Balance 6/30/05		154,251.68	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Balance 7/1/2004	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undesignated Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2005
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$145,092.46		$30,294.05	$20,700.25			$154,686.26	$154,686.26
Whiting Street	$38,814.48		$968.11				$39,782.59	$39,782.59
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$3,773.08		$114.50				$3,887.58	$3,887.58
Calvin Bridgman High School	$11,130.36		$339.73				$11,470.09	$11,470.09
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$862.50		$96.44				$958.94	$958.94
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$2,684.66		$94.88				$2,779.54	$2,779.54
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$3,401.05		$382.33		$15,875.51		$19,658.89	$19,658.89
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$8,642.82		$2,597.91	$3,627.76			$7,612.97	$7,612.97
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,114.28		$26.06				$1,140.34	$1,140.34
Nellie E. Brown	$2,884.95		$75.44	$179.78			$2,780.61	$2,780.61
Willard Stebbins	$1,576.43		$61.02				$1,637.45	$1,637.45
Vianna E. Somes	$2,054.79		$46.71				$2,101.50	$2,101.50
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00	$951.59		$951.59			$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$14,577.95		$526.70				$15,104.65	$15,104.65
Retirement Trust	$2,031.94		$2,315.34				$4,347.28	$4,347.28
Conservation Fund	$692.66		$13.75				$706.41	$706.41
Stabilization Fund	$647,585.84	$350,000.00	$9,286.44		($340,000.00)	$300,000.00	$366,872.28	$666,872.28
Workers' Compensation Fund	$92,483.36		$1,834.16				$94,317.52	$94,317.52
	$979,403.61	$350,951.59	$49,073.57	$25,459.38	($324,124.49)	$300,000.00	$729,844.90	$1,029,844.90

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2005

	Balance 7/1/2004	Additions	Balance 6/30/2005
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	15,875.51	(15,875.51)	0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	111,937.14	2,850.00	114,787.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	750,706.94	-13,025.51	737,681.43

* Senior Center Memorial was set up to be fully expendable. Recategorized to expendable trust page.

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2005

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2004	Reduced FY2005	Outstanding 6/30/2005	Due In FY2006
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	309,000.00	31,000.00	278,000.00	31,000.00
School Loans:						
Middle School	1992	4.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Elementary	1996	4.87	5,865,000.00	640,000.00	5,225,000.00	405,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	29,110,000.00	1,620,000.00	27,490,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	770,000.00	55,000.00	715,000.00	55,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00			940,000.00	80,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
Relining Loan	1995	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WWTP	1999	0.00	6,773,200.00	388,800.00	6,384,400.00	396,100.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	428,368.00	21,722.00	406,646.00	22,151.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	510,117.00	25,923.00	484,194.00	26,435.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	1,079,578.00	54,916.00	1,024,662.00	55,988.00
USDA Pine Valley	2003	4.50	38,925.00	10,096.37	28,828.63	10,550.71
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,884,501.00	75,732.00	1,808,769.00	75,726.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	4,002,160.00	160,695.00	3,841,465.00	160,682.00
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00			441,000.00	31,000.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	65,788.18	3,875.17	61,913.01	3,875.17
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00			85,000.00	15,000.00
Schools:						
SPED Loan	2001	0.00	64,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	32,000.00
			50,900,637.18	3,119,759.54	49,246,877.64	3,020,507.88

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2005

	Principal	Interest	Total
2006	3,020,601.00	2,276,224.20	5,296,825.20
2007	3,018,748.00	2,144,532.61	5,163,280.61
2008	3,053,517.00	1,997,207.49	5,050,724.49
2009	3,070,091.00	1,852,416.48	4,922,507.48
2010	3,118,324.00	1,712,125.05	4,830,449.05
2011	3,160,866.00	1,580,353.53	4,741,219.53
2012	3,205,538.00	1,420,430.89	4,625,968.89
2013	3,027,362.00	1,533,201.78	4,560,563.78
2014	3,317,129.00	1,166,021.05	4,483,150.05
2015	3,342,768.00	1,004,693.57	4,347,461.57
2016	2,712,968.00	842,298.76	3,555,266.76
2017	2,733,468.00	714,811.15	3,448,279.15
2018	2,769,168.00	567,087.20	3,336,255.20
2019	2,789,968.00	441,328.98	3,231,296.98
2020	2,198,968.00	320,175.00	2,519,143.00
2021	1,973,968.00	218,300.00	2,192,268.00
2022	1,980,000.00	123,587.50	2,103,587.50
2023	375,000.00	28,375.00	403,375.00
2024	380,000.00	9,500.00	389,500.00
	49,248,452.00	19,952,670.24	69,201,122.24

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CASH ON HAND 6/30/2004	$ 6,506,247.05	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 49,827,035.35
RECEIPTS	$ 49,444,048.42	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2005	$ 6,123,260.12
	$ 55,950,295.47		$ 55,950,295.47

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 73,166.80

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	BALANCE 6/30/2004	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	BALANCE 6/30/2005
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 17,130.36		$ 339.73		$ 17,470.09
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 5,773.08		$ 114.50		$ 5,887.58
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,314.28		$ 26.06		$ 1,340.34
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 3,076.43		$ 61.02		$ 3,137.45
VIANNA SOMES	$ 2,354.79		$ 46.71		$ 2,401.50
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,884.95		$ 75.44	$ (179.78)	$ 3,780.61
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 123,716.96	$ 2,850.00	$ 2,597.91	$ (4,359.21)	$ 124,805.66
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 657,953.15		$ 30,294.05	$ (20,700.25)	$ 667,546.95
WHITING STREET	$ 48,814.48		$ 968.11		$ 49,782.59
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 4,784.66		$ 94.88		$ 4,879.54
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 4,862.50		$ 96.44		$ 4,958.94
CONSERVATION	$ 692.66		$ 13.75		$ 706.41
SENIOR CENTER	$ 19,276.56		$ 382.33		$ 19,658.89
PENSION RESERVE	$ 24,577.95		$ 526.70		$ 25,104.65
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 647,585.84	$ 350,000.00	$ 9,286.44	$ (340,000.00)	$ 666,872.28
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 92,483.36		$ 1,834.16		$ 94,317.52
TOTALS	$ 1,658,282.01	$ 352,850.00	$ 46,758.23	$ (365,239.24)	$ 1,692,651.00

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FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2004 - JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED		AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#966 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES/TRI-LAKE INELIG	BANK WESTERN MASS	11/18/2004	$	1,546,750.00	3/31/2005	2.09%
BOND ISSUE-CAPITAL EXP. & TRI-LAKES INELIG	EASTERN BANK	3/15/2005	$	1,466,000.00	3/15/2020	3.99%
#967 LAND PURCHASE-TOPPING FARM	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SVNGS	5/31/2005	$	385,000.00	7/29/2005	2.60%
#968 LAND PURCHASE-TOPPING FARM	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SVNGS	7/29/2005	$	123,200.00	8/31/2005	2.65%
#969 LAND PURCHASE- TOPPING & FULLER	BANK WESTERN MASS	8/31/2005	$	220,000.00	8/31/2006	3.27%

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FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004			$	101.20
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	101.20		
	$	101.20	$	101.20
FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	234.60
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	234.60		
	$	234.60	$	234.60
FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	891.48
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	891.48		
	$	891.48	$	891.48
FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	957.60
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	957.60		
	$	957.60	$	957.60
FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	792.40
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	792.40		
	$	792.40	$	792.40
FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	1,163.14
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	1,163.14		
	$	1,163.14	$	1,163.14
FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	72.59
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	72.59		
	$	72.59	$	72.59
FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	64.36
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	64.36		
	$	64.36	$	64.36
FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	100.93
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	100.93		
	$	100.93	$	100.93
FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	2,103.20
COLLECTED	$	-		

FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	112.47
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	112.47		
	$	112.47	$	112.47
FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	314.10
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	314.10		
	$	314.10	$	314.10
FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	151.57
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	151.57		
	$	151.57	$	151.57
FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	1,249.02
COLLECTED	$	126.02		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	1,123.00		
	$	1,249.02	$	1,249.02
FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	1,217.58
COLLECTED	$	3.64		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	1,213.94		
	$	1,217.58	$	1,217.58
FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	875.98
COLLECTED	$	8.07		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	867.91		
	$	875.98	$	875.98
FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	225.90
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	225.90		
	$	225.90	$	225.90
FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	4,045.82
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	$	882.02		
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	3,163.80		
	$	4,045.82	$	4,045.82
FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	1,890.63
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT	$	220.96		
COLLECTED	$	1,362.47		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	307.20		
	$	1,890.63	$	1,890.63
FISCAL 2006 REAL ESTATE				
COMM FOR COLLECTION			$	7,954,755.38
COLLECTED	$	44,639.17		

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OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 2,103.20	
	$ 2,103.20	$ 2,103.20

FISCAL 2000 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 58.71
COLLECTED	$ 58.71	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 58.71	$ 58.71

FISCAL 2001 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 10,586.13
COLLECTED	$ 10,571.86	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 14.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 10,586.13	$ 10,586.13

FISCAL 2002 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 49,972.47
COLLECTED	$ 10,173.66	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 4,540.74	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 35,258.07	
	$ 49,972.47	$ 49,972.47

FISCAL 2003 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 59,425.32
TO TAX TITLE	$ 11,449.57	
COLLECTED	$ 23,324.42	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 24,651.33	
	$ 59,425.32	$ 59,425.32

FISCAL 2004 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 250,171.83
REFUNDED		$ 2,065.88
ABATED	$ 723.11	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 12,310.34	
COLLECTED	$ 211,522.58	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 27,681.68	
	$ 252,237.71	$ 252,237.71

FISCAL 2005 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 7,579,860.46
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 7,817,551.28
REFUNDED		$ 35,767.46
ABATED	$ 61,579.92	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 77,016.70	
COLLECTED	$ 15,007,476.15	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 287,106.43	
	$ 15,433,179.20	$ 15,433,179.20

NEWCON 2005 REAL ESTATE		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 75,707.14
REFUND		$ 880.74
COLLECTED	$ 68,243.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 8,344.83	
	$ 76,587.88	$ 76,587.88

FISCAL 1999 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 4,064.36
ABATED	$ 4,064.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 4,064.36	$ 4,064.36

FISCAL 2000 PERS PROP

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 7,910,116.21	
	$ 7,954,755.38	$ 7,954,755.38

CPA 2006		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 64,465.84
COLLECTED	$ 523.28	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 63,942.56	
	$ 64,465.84	$ 64,465.84

FISCAL 1991 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 1,630.35
ABATED	$ 1,630.35	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 1,630.35	$ 1,630.35

FISCAL 1992 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 1,949.61
ABATED	$ 1,949.61	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 1,949.61	$ 1,949.61

FISCAL 1993 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 3,814.93
ABATED	$ 3,814.93	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 3,814.93	$ 3,814.93

FISCAL 1994 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 6,060.23
ABATED	$ 6,060.23	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 6,060.23	$ 6,060.23

FISCAL 1995 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 7,215.41
ABATED	$ 7,215.41	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 7,215.41	$ 7,215.41

FISCAL 1996 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 11,928.73
ABATED	$ 11,928.73	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 11,928.73	$ 11,928.73

FISCAL 1997 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 6,103.12
ABATED	$ 6,103.12	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 6,103.12	$ 6,103.12

FISCAL 1998 PERS.PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 4,033.48
ABATED	$ 4,033.48	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 4,033.48	$ 4,033.48

1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 109.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 109.50	
	$ 109.50	$ 109.50

1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

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OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	1,916.43
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	1,916.43		
	$	1,916.43	$	1,916.43
FISCAL 2001 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	2,570.95
COLLECTED	$	19.16		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	2,551.79		
	$	2,570.95	$	2,570.95
FISCAL 2002 PERS.PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	1,714.15
COLLECTED	$	28.35		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	1,685.80		
	$	1,714.15	$	1,714.15
FISCAL 2003 PERS. PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	568.83
COLLECTED	$	56.16		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	512.67		
	$	568.83	$	568.83
FISCAL 2004 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	27,440.36
ABATED	$	423.28		
COLLECTED	$	26,605.72		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	411.36		
	$	27,440.36	$	27,440.36
FISCAL 2005 PERS PROP				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	157,207.58
COMMITTED			$	112,780.87
REFUNDED			$	12,781.00
ABATED	$	23.87		
COLLECTED	$	281,015.75		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	1,729.83		
	$	282,769.45	$	282,769.45
FISCAL 2006 PERS PROP				
COMM FOR COLLECTION			$	130,352.53
COLLECTED	$	64.47		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	130,288.06		
	$	130,352.53	$	130,352.53

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	106.00
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	106.00		
	$	106.00	$	106.00
1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	74.00
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	74.00		
	$	74.00	$	74.00
1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	154.88
COLLECTED		-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	154.88		
	$	154.88	$	154.88
1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	152.63
COLLECTED				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	152.63		
	$	152.63	$	152.63
1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	153.75
COLLECTED				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	153.75		
	$	153.75	$	153.75
1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	160.50
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	160.50		
	$	160.50	$	160.50
1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	160.50
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	160.50		
	$	160.50	$	160.50
1998 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004			$	75.00
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$	75.00		
	$	75.00	$	75.00

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1999 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 78.00
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 78.00	
	$ 78.00	$ 78.00

2000 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 80.00
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 80.00	
	$ 80.00	$ 80.00

2001 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 70.51
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 70.51	
	$ 70.51	$ 70.51

2002 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004		$ 70.51
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005	$ 70.51	
	$ 70.51	$ 70.51

2003 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 561.20
COLLECTED	$ 494.20	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 67.00	
	$ 561.20	$ 561.20

2004 FARM ANIMAL

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,610.40
COLLECTED	$ 1,418.40	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 192.00	
	$ 1,610.40	$ 1,610.40

2002 SEWER CHARGES
SUBS: 2004 SEWER LIENS

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 1,024.11
COLLECTED	$ 1,024.11	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 1,024.11	$ 1,024.11

2003 SEWER CHARGES
SUBS:2005 SEWER LIENS

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004		$ 21,569.07
COMMITTED		$ 2,472.70
COLLECTED	$ 21,937.09	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 303.66	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005	$ 1,801.02	
	$ 24,041.77	$ 24,041.77

2004 SEWER CHARGES

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 172,605.02
COMMITTED		$ 351,868.71
REFUNDED		$ 2,054.58
ABATED	$ 782.73	
COLLECTED	$ 500,852.14	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 24,893.44	
	$ 526,528.31	$ 526,528.31

2005 SEWER CHARGES

COMM FOR COLLECTION		181763.52
ABATED	128.25	
COLLECTED	$ 158,492.40	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 23,142.87	
	$ 181,763.52	$ 181,763.52

2000 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 5,418.88
COLLECTED	$ 706.25	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 4,712.63	
	$ 5,418.88	$ 5,418.88

2001 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 9,959.14
COLLECTED	$ 1,156.88	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 8,802.26	
	$ 9,959.14	$ 9,959.14

2002 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 14,837.29
REFUNDED		$ 33.33
ABATED	$ 33.33	
COLLECTED	$ 6,031.70	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 8,805.59	
	$ 14,870.62	$ 14,870.62

2003 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004		$ 25,225.91
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 11,133.94
REFUNDED		$ 1,202.45
ABATED	$ 2,034.90	
COLLECTED	$ 23,267.64	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005	$ 12,259.76	
	$ 37,562.30	$ 37,562.30

2004 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 164,819.78
COMMITTED		$ 251,310.42
REFUNDED		$ 14,723.26
ABATED	$ 22,057.35	
COLLECTED	$ 374,602.66	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 34,193.45	
	$ 430,853.46	$ 430,853.46

2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC

COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,358,241.94
REFUNDED		$ 8,285.37
ABATED	$ 41,570.06	
COLLECTED	$ 1,152,866.03	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 172,091.22	
	$ 1,366,527.31	$ 1,366,527.31

2004 DAIGLE WELL BETT.

OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 929.56
COLLECTED	$ 929.56	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 929.56	$ 929.56

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2005 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 17,275.95
COLLECTED	$ 16,937.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 338.68	
	$ 17,275.95	$ 17,275.95

BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 1,650.00
COMMITTED		$ 9,520.66
COLLECTED	$ 11,170.66	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 11,170.66	$ 11,170.66

2005 TITLE V		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 6,779.63
COLLECTED	$ 6,779.63	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ -	
	$ 6,779.63	$ 6,779.63

2005 TRILAKES BETT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 348,999.35
REFUNDED		$ 10,670.10
TO TAX TITLE	$ 4,959.36	
ABATED	$ 51,002.43	
COLLECTED	$ 242,376.77	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 61,330.89	
	$ 359,669.45	$ 359,669.45

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 6,576,416.96
APPORTIONED FY05 RE	$324,157.53	
REFUND		$ 150.00
ABATED	$899,467.50	
COLLECTED	$343,842.71	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$5,009,099.22	
	$6,576,566.96	$ 6,576,566.96

MISCELLANEOUS REC.		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2004		$ 65,243.75
COMMITTED		$ 98,057.66
ABATED	$15,910.00	
COLLECTED	$ 84,064.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005	$ 63,327.14	
	$163,301.41	$ 163,301.41

COMSTAR AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2004		$ 250,941.73
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 507,337.00
REFUNDED		$ 848.94
ABATED	$ 154,974.52	
COLLECTED	$ 335,623.08	
AUDIT ADJUSTMENT		$ 262.30
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005	$ 268,792.37	
	$ 759,389.97	$ 759,389.97

JULY 1, 2004- JUNE 30,2005		
TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$ 18,746,345.62
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 335,623.08
	TOTAL	$ 19,081,968.70

TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$ 18,633,671.69
INTEREST/FEES		$ 110,655.94
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 1,494.71
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		$ 523.28
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 335,623.08
	TOTAL	$ 19,081,968.70

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2004 Vital Statistics received after filing last year's report:

Births:	Place	Males	Females
	Northampton	1	3
	Springfield	2	2

No Additional Marriages

Deaths: Males: 2; Female: 1 Belchertown Residents: 3

Place of Death: Springfield: 3

2005 Statistics

Births:	Place	Males	Females
	Belchertown	1	
	Boston		2
	Holyoke	6	6
	Northampton	32	15
	Springfield	37	33
	Ware	3	5
	Worcester		1
		79	62

Marriages:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Residents	47	55
Non-Residents	17	15
	64	70

Married in Belchertown: 39; Married Out-of-Town: 28

Deaths:

Males: 40; Females: 43

Belchertown Residents: 76; Non-Residents: 7

Place of Death:

Agawam	1	Northampton	5
Amherst	2	Palmer	4
Athol	1	South Hadley	4
Belchertown	36	Springfield	8
Chicopee	1	Ware	7
East Longmeadow	3	West Brookfield	1
Hadley	1	Westfield	1
Holyoke	3	West Springfield	1
Ludlow	1	Worcester	3

TOWN CLERK
2005 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	355.00	310.00	465.00	225.00	185.00	310.00	305.00	460.00	410.00	205.00	310.00	290.00	3830.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	45.00	90.00	30.00	75.00	165.00	135.00	120.00	120.00	120.00		45.00	120.00	1065.00
BOARD OF APPEALS	400.00	100.00	300.00		200.00	100.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		1700.00
BURIAL PERMIT	30.00	75.00	60.00	60.00		15.00	45.00	30.00	75.00	30.00	60.00	45.00	525.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	60.00	90.00	105.00	135.00	120.00	150.00	120.00	125.00	75.00	135.00	165.00	160.00	1440.00
CONSERV. TRAIL MAPS				2.00		2.00	3.00	6.00					13.00
DOG FINES	30.00	30.00	700.00	2215.00	2005.00	319.00	120.00	385.00		170.00	160.00		6134.00
DOG OFFICER FEES	115.00	80.00		420.00	102.00			655.50			320.00		1692.50
DOG LICENSE	5466.00	5284.00	6132.00	1510.00	805.00	554.00	279.00	189.00	78.00	16.00	1099.00	2254.00	23666.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION			27.50	2.50		2.50							32.50
HISTORICAL APPLICATION			25.00						25.00				50.00
HOMESTEAD FILING			10.00	30.00	20.00	10.00		10.00	10.00	10.00			100.00
PARKING CITATION							100.00				100.00		200.00
PASSPORT	900.00	390.00	510.00	570.00	720.00	390.00	630.00	480.00	180.00	270.00	720.00	570.00	6330.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	285.00	1575.00	615.00	240.00	495.00	330.00	1495.00	2787.50	135.00	290.00	530.00	2620.00	11397.50
POLE ORDER	40.00	80.00	80.00	40.00				40.00				60.00	340.00
RAFFLE PERMIT		10.00					10.00	10.00	60.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	130.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	40.00	40.00	20.00			40.00		60.00		100.00			300.00
UCC					519.95						112.87		632.82
SPORTING LIC SALES**	1156.25	415.25	732.75	1140.75	469.50	441.50	464.00	138.50	61.75	179.00	261.00	1398.25	6858.50
SPORTING ADM FEES	47.35	18.00	35.25	58.50	24.20	24.00	15.30	8.20	2.35	7.50	8.70	56.05	305.40
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS		50.00	175.00	100.00	175.00	75.00	25.00	125.00	125.00	86.00	100.00	25.00	1061.00
MSC SALES	20.00	91.00	51.80	27.60	6.20	37.70	49.70	10.60	2.00		12.40	41.20	350.20
TOTALS	8989.60	8728.25	10074.30	6851.35	6011.85	2935.70	3981.00	5740.30	1459.10	1618.50	4113.97	7649.50	68153.42
**** PAYMENTS TO:**													
Div. of Fisheries&Wildlife	1156.25	415.25	732.75	1140.75	469.50	441.50	464.00	138.50	61.75	179.00	261.00	1398.25	5460.25
Town of Belchertown	7833.35	8313.00	9341.55	5710.60	5542.35	2494.20	3517.00	5601.80	1397.35	1439.50	3852.97	6251.25	62693.17
TOTAL	8989.60	8728.25	10074.30	6851.35	6011.85	2935.70	3981.00	5740.30	1459.10	1618.50	4113.97	7649.50	68153.42

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ADA COMMITTEE

The American With Disabilities Committee Members for the year 2005 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Max Bock, Maintenance Department; Michael Krzystofik, School Department; Sally Dodge and Ruthella Tucker were town-appointed representatives.

The Committee met on the first Tuesday of February, April, July and October 2005.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.

The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals received 21 applications for the year 2005. Of the 21 applications received, 14 were for special permits and seven were for variances. Of the 14 special permit applications, eight were granted, four were denied, one was withdrawn by the applicant and one was carried over into 2006. Of the seven variance applications, two were granted, two were denied and three were withdrawn by the applicant.

Respectfully submitted by:

Richard Barry, Chairman
Diane Loftus Mas, Vice Chairman
Raymond Goff, Member
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member
Bernadette Harrigan , Associate Member
Natalie Blais, Associate Member

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors is pleased to provide its 2005 Annual Report to the Board of Selectmen.

In the 2005 Election, Brian Fitzpatrick was elected to the Board of Assessors. The Board looks forward to working with Brian in the upcoming three years. The Board and Department staff wants to thank Deborah Sammataro who served two terms as an Assessor. Her experience and knowledge will be missed. Chairman Samuel Joyal, and Michael Forgue rounded out the Board.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY05 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	1,039,497,719
Town Meeting Appropriations	$34,570,180
Estimated Receipts/Revenue sources	$18,863,369
Tax Levy	$15,706,810
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$15,796,574
New Growth	$601,966
FY05 Tax Rate	$15.11

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners.

The Assessors property record card data is now available for public access through the Town's website (www.belchertown.org). The Board hopes the taxpayers of Belchertown appreciate the convenience factor of reviewing our public records on-line.

The Assessors conducted an interim-year adjustment of all real estate for fiscal 2005. Due to an increase in Belchertown's market conditions, the single-family property class increased approximately 12%. The Board is confident that properties in town are being valued fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Assessors
Samuel Joyal, Chairman
Brian Fitzpatrick, Vice Chairman
Mike Forgue, Clerk

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 62, and 63 (dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

BCTV continues its modest growth. We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run entirely by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:

- Selectmen
- Conservation Commission
- Planning Board
- Recreation Commission
- School Committee
- EDIC
- Council on Aging
- The Yearly Finance Committee Budget Cycle
- The Annual Town Meeting
- Special Town Meetings
- Other meetings of immediate interest to Town Residents

(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, ZBA, Board of Health, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:

- BHS Home and Football games
- BHS Girls' Varsity Basketball
- BHS Boys' Varsity Basketball
- Most BHS Band Concerts
- Most CHCS Band Concerts
- The CHCS Stepping Up Ceremony
- The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony

(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Wrestling Matches, Volleyball, Chess…)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:

- …About Belchertown
- Legislator's Report
- Your Money – Your Time – Your Worth
- The BlueRibbonCooks
- The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
- The Annual Belchertown Fair
- The Annual Fair Parade
- Town Talk

Special Community Interest Programs this year include:

- Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
- Memorial Day Ceremonies
- Rag Shag Parade
- Re-dedication of the Civil War Memorial
- Civil War Living History Days at the Stone House Museum
- Congregational Church 12-hour, tape-delay Fund Raiser

(Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:

- St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
- Dwight Chapel
- Hope United Methodist Church
- World Wide Church of God

Accomplishments and Goals

Last year's goals were to increase our pool of volunteers and train them to operate independently, purchase new studio cameras, upgrade microphones, maintain existing equipment, and have members of BCTV join the cable contract renewal committee. We were able to meet our goals: BCTV bought two Panasonic DVC-7 cameras, three SM-58 mics and two Azden shotgun mics, found three new volunteers, and Ron Akins and Lew Louraine were made members of the Telecommunication Advisory Committee which is currently working on the new cable tv license for Belchertown.

BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use, such as audio mixing.

BCTV was able to go live from the football stadium again this year for all home football games. Mike Lauber and Dave Barnett were our loyal production team for these broadcasts.

Perhaps the biggest stretch for us this year was the Congregational Church 12-hour, tape-delay Fund Raiser. BCTV used a considerable amount of its resources during this broadcast -- both equipment and personnel. The Fund Raiser was considered a success by the church, which is already talking about doing it again next year. Thanks must go to Rev. Todd Farnsworth whose vision and energy carried this project forward and Ed Comeau for all his pre-production taping and for running the audio/video console for the entire 12 hours of the broadcast.

Lew Louraine taping the Fair Parade

Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who inputs all BCTV Bulletin Board material. She has brought her artistic eye to the creation of each page and improved the overall look of our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has continued to be an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Kim, Rick, Mindy, and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers: BCTV runs on volunteer power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Rev. Bruce Arbour
Dave Barnett
Mike Beresky
Pat Bonnett
Louise Christ
Bob Farrington
John Folliard
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
Audrey LePage
Mike Lauber
Norm Loftus
Shannon Materka
Ron Pobieglo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine, General Manager
Ron Akins
Dan Fitzpatrick
Peg Louraine
The BCTV Internal Board

CIVIL DEFENSE

The purpose of Civil Defense or more commonly called in today's world, the Office of Emergency Management, which is a support group interacting with all town branches of public safety to assist in emergency planning and preparedness. These are primarily staff, not "command" functions, where the Coordinators serve under joint action arrangements with other Town Officials.

We continuously review emergency plans, and participate in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards. We continue an ongoing partnership of emergency preparedness with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which requires our Town Plan to be filed with the Sate Agency. We also work with members of FEMA, which is the Federal level of emergency management.

The Department of Homeland Security continues their labors of collecting intelligence information, sharing their findings with interactive agencies, and posting weekly if not daily information of importance. Belchertown's office of Emergency Management continuously receives and monitors these reports.

The members of the Civil Defense Committee are assisting to move the town into compliance with the "National incident management system" (NIMS), which is a requirement to train every emergency responder to a national standard for compatibility to streamline any response in the United States.

The members of the Civil Defense Committee are a diverse group of people, mostly made up from our public safety sector. Their expertise in emergency response covers an extremely wide range, everything from natural disasters through technological incidents involving hazardous materials.

Your Civil Defense is committed to actively move forward. With the continuous support received from the Selectmen and citizens, we can and will prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward F. Bock, Director
Civil Defense

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY

To the Tax Payers of Our Belchertown Community:

This annual report offers a true account of how the Clapp Memorial Library (CML) has spent your FY2005 tax dollars. This report should give you enough information to decide if the CML is providing an acceptable return upon your tax investment. This report will, therefore, highlight the quality of the public library services delivered by the Clapp Memorial Library (CML), and show the levels of support provided to the Library by the Town of Belchertown.

A simple listing of those FY2005 CML statistics would not, however, provide you with enough information to make such an evaluation. Consequently, I have presented here a number of appropriate, well documented comparisons that will enable you to make your own a fair and accurate assessment. Throughout this report, I will compare the services and support associated with the CML to other libraries in several categories. The data sources for these comparisons are:

1. Massachusetts Public Library Data. This is an annual statistical assessment of all Massachusetts public libraries published by The Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC). While the data for FY2005 (July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005) is not yet available, the use here of FY2004 statistics for comparison purposes provide an accurate measure.

2. Wisconsin Public Library Standards, 3rd ed., Mar. 2000 (WPLS). These are the nationally recognized standards, and are endorsed by the MBLC.

I will compare the CML to the following library groups:

1. Group 4 libraries—53 Massachusetts public libraries serving populations of 10,000 to 14,999. (Belchertown pop. is approximately 13,500).

2. The 101 public libraries serving Western Massachusetts.

3. The 370 public libraries serving the entire Commonwealth.

4. The six public libraries serving neighboring communities: Granby, pop. 6,271; Orange, pop. 7,530; Monson, pop. 8,534; Ware, pop. 9,823; Palmer, pop. 12,708; Wilbraham, pop. 12,726; and finally, Belchertown, pop. 13,512.

I believe that such comparisons will clearly show that your tax dollar investment in the CML has been a very profitable one. Please accept my invitation and visit the CML often to reap the rewards of your shrewd investment.

Respectfully,
Owen Maloney, Library Director

I. FY2005 MUNICIPAL FUNDING of the CML:

A. In FY2005 the Town of Belchertown appropriated a total of $304,609, for the CML for a per capita average of $22.54. This compares with an average municipal appropriation to population Group 4 libraries of $399,736 for a per capita average of $32.01, and a Statewide per capita average of $29.47

The FY2005 municipal appropriation of $304,609 represented 0.86% of the total FY2005 Town of Belchertown budget. This percentage compares with a Statewide average of 1.36% and of 1.42% average for population Group 4 libraries.

II. SERVICES TO LIBRARY USERS:

A. FY05 Circulation Total: 144,390 items (books, etc.) were loaned by the CML.

	GEN./YA	JUVENILE
Books	34,728	36,963
Video	37,965	18,030
Audio	10,268	908
Magazines	3,467	385
Other	121	1,555
TOTAL	86,549	57,841

Among the technological innovations that has contributed substantially to the robust circulation of the CML is the Virtual Catalog. This technology allows library users to search not only libraries in Central and Western Massachusetts for desired items, but also the Greater Boston and Cape areas. This search and request can be completed from the comfort of your own home. The items will be shipped to the CML to be checked out.

B. CML Comparative Circulation (FY2003) Data with Public Libraries in 6 neighboring communities: (Comparison figures for FY2005 are not yet available from the MBLC. FY2004 figures are used.)

	CIRCULATION	PER CAPITA AVERAGE
Granby	30,100	4.8
Orange	48,192	6.4
Monson	59,738	7.0
Ware	35,362	3.6
Palmer	110,569	8.7
Belchertown	**144,390**	**10.7**
Wilbraham	226,479	16.5
Average	**93,547**	**9.0**

C. CML. Comparative per capita circulation data: (Comparison figure for FY2005 are not yet available from the MBLC. FY2004 figures are used.)

➢ Statewide Average	9.63
➢ Western Region Average	8.70
➢ Pop. Group D Libraries Average	9.92
➢ FY2005 Belchertown	10.07

D. FY2005 CML Reference & Information Inquiries: In FY2005 the CML staff responded to 12,493 reference inquiries. Adult and Young Adult library users accounted for 9,031 of those inquiries, while our juvenile library users asked 3,397 reference questions. This represents a per capita average of .92, while the statewide average is .73.

E. The CML Information Technology Network (ITN): A world of high-speed, online information is available at the Library, or from your own home through the Library. Nancy McConnell, Head of Automated Services, reports that an average of 130 library users access the library computers each week. During FY05 visits to the CML Homepage reached 26,955, an increase of 5,000+ over FY2004.

Nancy has upgraded the operating systems on all 7 of the patron access computers (PACS, installed and monitored Envision and PCReservation software packages that allow library users much greater autonomy, while safeguarding equal access, and developed and maintained the CML Homepage. Visit our Homepage for Library news, links to thousands of web sites and free access to a number of online databases.

The foundation of the entire CML ITN and Circulation/Reference services is the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing Library Network (C/W MARS). C/W MARS is a library consortium dedicated to efficient resource sharing and rapid access to information. Its 140 member libraries offer a shared online computer system and a combined collection of more than six million items and circulate more than nine million items annually to one million registered borrowers.

F. FY2005 CML Programming: In total, the CML offered 480 programs with 11,387 participants spanning 645 programming hours. These numbers do not, however, include the more than 100 home visits made by Ann Biron and Nancy McConnell to bring 500+ items to those who could not come to the Library.

The CML Children's Librarian, Jennifer Whitehead, is among the best at what she does, and she does a great deal. In FY2005 there were 423 Children's Programs offered at the Clapp Memorial Library including the daily visits of Belchertown's 2nd grade students who, at the time, had no school library to call their own. Consequently, program attendance was gratifying at 10,766 participants. She also offered 6 regularly scheduled story times for infants through 5th graders. A pair of writing workshops that attracted participants from 8 to 17 years of age. The Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library summer reading program boasted 600 participants year in FY05.

Special programs included Food Play, Massachusetts Children's Book Awards, Music For Young Children, Computer Instruction for Home Schooled Children, February Vacation Fun, After School Magic Workshop, and Scrabble Day.
Jennifer's outreach efforts included parents and teachers also. In collaboration with the Belchertown Day School, Jitterbug Child Care, and the Belchertown Community Preschool, Jennifer was able to present Good Habits Are Hard To Break, a fitness and nutrition program for parents of young children. Parenting From the Heart was offered with the help of the Belchertown Family Center.

The CML was also host to 621 participants in our 57 General Adult programs. This included the monthly meetings of "The Biblioholics," a book discussion program hosted by Ann Biron, Head of Circulation and Reference, now enjoying its 10th consecutive year. Together, Ann and Susan Shea Bressette of the Belchertown Senior Center, were able to bring the very popular Susanne Stempek Shea to the Senior Center for a book talk. Ann provides Reader's Advisory services for an additional 4 local book groups, and on a daily basis for our regular library users. Ann also coordinated the very popular and successful Adult Summer Reading Challenge that attracted 275 participants. In FY2006 Ann will offer a new monthly program—"The Clapp Critics"—a film and literature discussion group. In FY2005 Nancy McConnell, Head of Automated Services, was the technical consultant for the Belchertown Genealogy Club that met regularly at the CML, and was coordinated by Cliff McCarthy and Doris Dickinson. The Club used the CML online database Ancestry Plus.

Last, but not least, were the Friends of the Clapp Memorial Library Fall and Spring Book Sales. They are the best book sales in the area with tens of thousands of books, clearly laid out and neatly arranged. It is the proceeds from these book sales that support many of the programs described above.

G. FY2005 Clapp Memorial Library Visits and Hours of Service: In FY2005 81,016 of our Belchertown friends and neighbors visited the Clapp Memorial Library. The CML welcomes more than 1,550 visitors each week, more than 250 each day, for an annual per capita average of six.

The Library was open for 2,008 hours during FY2005. These hours include weekdays, Saturdays and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening hours. The Regular Weekly Schedule of the CML from September through June runs parallel to the Belchertown school year. Throughout the school year the CML remains accessible to Belchertown students for 25 hours each week after the close of school libraries.

H. Staff: It is no accident that 250+ community members visit the CML each day. The four full-time and two part-time staff members who are primarily responsible for direct library user services have served the Belchertown Community a combined total of 60 years. This core group is ably assisted by two young, intelligent and hard working Library Pages and a small group of committed library volunteers. Our Library Custodian has been keeping the CML neat, clean and in good repair for 5 years.

III. CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION (books, DVDs, periodicals, etc.)

A. FY2005 CML Collection by Format:

1. Collection Total (as of June 30, 2005): 25,552 items.

	GEN./YA	JUVENILE
Books	10,031	8,760
Video	2,645	1,531
Audio	1,944	131
Magazines	70	08
Other	18	233
TOTAL	14,808	10,661

B. Comparison of the CML collection with those of public libraries in 6 neighboring communities: (Comparison figures for FY2005 are not yet available from the MBLC. FY2004 figures are used.)

	COLLECTION	PER CAPITA AVERAGE
Granby	21,399	3.4
Orange	47,220	6.3
Monson	38,856	4.6
Ware	44,093	4.5
Palmer	68,303	5.4
Belchertown	**25,552**	**1.9**
Wilbraham	73,601	5.4
	45,575	**4.5**

Of 366 reporting Massachusetts libraries, the size of the CML collection ranks 360th. The average size of the collection in population Group 4 libraries is 61,038, with a holdings average of 4.9 per capita. The CML collection numbers but 25,552 for a per capita holdings average of 1.9. According to national standards, the CML would need a collection of 56,705 books, DVDs, etc., with a per capita average of 4.2 items, to meet even the Basic Level of service to library users. Although we were able to compensate somewhat for this deficiency through resource sharing, CML users were asked to wait while more than 9,000 items were requested and shipped from other libraries.

In FY2004 the average expenditure for books, DVDs, etc. by Group 4 libraries was $73,827 equaling an average per capita materials expenditure of $5.95. The FY2005 CML figures were $49,319 and $3.95, respectively. Together this below average materials expenditure and the clearly insufficient physical size of the CML combine to make the collection of the CML among the smallest and most inadequate in the Commonwealth.

IV. CML Goals for FY2006:

A. Patron Service Goals:

1. **Increase General Adult Public Library Programming.**
2. Address community concerns as expressed in the CML Feasibility Study.
3. In collaboration with the Principal and teachers from Cold Spring School, invite the children in Belchertown's Kindergarten classes to visit the CML because they do not have a school library to call their own.

B. Expansion and Renovation Goals:

1. Development Committee:
    - a. Annual Campaign
    - b. Explore funding possibilities for the Expansion and Renovation Project.

2. Building Committee:

    a. Explore cost cutting possibilities.

    b. Re-access FY2002 design.

        1. Incorporate "Learning Commons" concept.

C. Administrative Goals:

1. Complete a Long Range Plan FY2007-2012.

2. Develop a CML Advocacy/Public Education Program.

D. Personnel Administration:

1. According to national standards, with but 6.6 FTEs, working 231 hours each week the CML fails to meet to meet even the Basic Level of service to library users by 2.9 FTE's and/or 102 service hours per week. In FY2006 the CML will redistribute responsibilities among staff members with the goal of creating more hours of direct service to library users, while becoming more efficient with our remaining hours. (FTE—Full-Time Equivalent employee—35 hrs. per week.

2. Continue to recruit and train cordial and competent library volunteers.

COMPUTING (MIS) DEPARTMENT

It's been another busy year for the Computing Department. There have been several staffing changes made over the course of the year. Kevin Hannon is the new Director of Computing, Glenn Armstrong is the new Assistant Director of Computing, and Erik Hansen is the new Desktop Technician in charge of the School's systems.

We have implemented several new key systems to increase productivity. Among those are a new mail filter that helps reduce the amount of junk e-mail our users have to deal with, and a device that allows us to better monitor and control access to the Internet. These systems have greatly reduced the amount of time we have had to spend dealing with malicious software.

The Computing department is working towards the virtualization of certain town servers which should make a significant decrease in power consumption and cooling costs for the Department. We have moved several servers to this new technology including our anti-virus and our automatic patching servers, and are in the planning stages for other services to be moved.

Over the summer we deployed a computer network in the Jabish Brook Middle School. The school network is tightly integrated with the High School's network allowing better utilization of the network resources, and will make the transition of student's accounts and files seamless when they move from the Middle to the High School.

There have been several additions to the Town's web site (www.belchertown.org). The Assessor's data is now available online along with GIS related information and road maps. The Belchertown EDIC has a new web page related to their Spa Project. Also of note is an updated history of the Town provided by the Belchertown Historic Commission.

The Computing Department is working with the Clapp Memorial Library to provide wireless Internet access to its patrons in the near future. We are also now hosting the

Library's web site in order to afford them more control over their site and to see a savings in hosting costs.

As always the Computing Department is working hard to provide the tools to increase efficiency and productivity among all of the Town's departments.

Thank you,

Kevin J Hannon
MIS Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 118hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 55 of these were Requests for Determination and 57 were Notices of Intent, two were for permit extensions, two for Amended Orders of Conditions, one for an Administrative Hearing to deal with an outstanding enforcement issue, and one hearing for an Abbreviated Notice for Resource Area Delineation. The Commission issued two Emergency Certificates, for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year. There are many subdivisions currently under construction and extensive site visits have occurred to monitor these projects. The Ingate Farm subdivision has submitted a Notice of Intent with the Commission on January 10, 2005 and is currently under review. In addition, the Commission is continuing to monitor the progress of the Cold Spring Golf Course and the application filed by the Tri-Lakes Watershed Association for the herbicide treatment of Holland Pond, to control invasive, non-native aquatic plant species. The Commission has dealt with numerous enforcement issues and has issued seven Enforcement Orders. Some enforcement matters have been outstanding for some time and the Commission has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission is also working on revising our current Wetland Regulations, their review and final update to be completed in 2006.

The year 2005 has been a very busy and productive year for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with Town officials on numerous and extensive projects. The Commission has applied for and received a $261,800.00 grant through the Self-help Grant program, for the purchase of an additional 51.5 acres of the Topping Farm property, located on Warren Wright Road and Orchard Street. These parcels are adjacent to the existing 116-acre Topping Farm Conservation Area, purchased by the Town in 1999 thru the Self-Help Grant program. These parcels recharge a major aquifer that underlies ***Lawrence Swamp*** and serves as a public water source for both Belchertown and Amherst. This project is exemplary of collaborative efforts from non-profit land trusts, the Town, State agencies, and private landowners to protect drinking water supplies, wildlife habitat, open space, and to prevent further degradation of our natural resources.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation Commission has completed and revised our Open Space and Recreation Plan. The 2002

Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) update is a statement of the current priorities of Belchertown's Town boards, officials, and citizens for natural resource protection and recreation. The purpose of this plan was to revise the original 1986 OSRP plan - to update the 1995 OSRP and reassess the open space, recreation, and natural resource protection needs and priorities for the next five years (2002-2007), to carry Belchertown well into the 21st century. In addition, the Belchertown Wetlands Map has also been updated and the new 2005 Town Assessor's maps reflect the new Resource Area Delineations.

This past year, the Commission regretfully accepted the resignation of Conservation Commissioner Bruce Tolpa, after providing over three years of service to the Town. Patrick Lund, an existing Associate Commission member was appointed to fill the vacant Commissioner position. In addition, Linda LeDuc, Tracy Roth, Kelly Taylor and Meagan Mazzarino were all appointed as new Associate Commission members.

The Commission worked with local farmers, the Department of Agriculture and the community to develop an Agricultural Commission for the Town. The Town voted to establish this Agricultural Commission at their December Special Town Meeting and the Commission is in the process of working with the Selectmen to establish this Commission. The objectives of this new Commission will be to promote agricultural-based economic opportunities, preserve, revitalize and sustain Belchertown's agricultural industry and encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle.

The Conservation Commission is continuing to work on monitoring and managing our conservation areas. The Jabish Brook Conservation Area, one of our most popular Conservation Areas, has had a lot of work completed on this property. The work included the re-blazing of the existing trail, brush clearing, trash pick-up, repairing and re-building crossings and the preparation of a trail guide. The Reed Conservation Area has had signage installed and gates located off the main roads to discourage the use of motorized vehicles. Our Conservation Areas are very important to the Town and the Commission is looking forward to partnering with other organizations and residents within the community to help maintain and upgrade our Conservation Areas.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2006 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect even more valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by Town departments, non-profit Land Trusts, State agencies and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Patrick Lund, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Kurt Nelson, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
Linda LeDuc, Associate Commissioner
Tracy Roth, Associate Commissioner
Kelly Taylor, Associate Commissioner
Meagan Mazzarino, Associate Commissioner
Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

COUNCIL ON AGING/ BELCHERTOWN SENIOR CENTER

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). An Executive Director manages day-to-day operations. The Senior Center provides services to seniors and their families in town. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Care Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

Outreach efforts and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. We have now added a direct line to Social Services (323-0675). Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance, prescription coverage/options, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses.

Our Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritiously balanced hot meals are cooked on site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY05 period, 500 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 10,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. Our Home Delivered Meal Program served 40,000 meals this past year. This is an increase of 5,000 meals over the previous year. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of elders7 days a week, 363 days a year. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

Transportation continues to be a major issue for our seniors. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The Council on Aging is currently advocating for increased services and funding. During FY05, our handicapped accessible van transported over 180 different seniors on over 5000 individual trips. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors enjoy access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Care Program at the Center also receive transportation. Demand for our Companion/Errand program, which provides our seniors with a companion to accompany them to physician & dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. This program provided 1100 hours of service to over 80 seniors and their caregivers during the past twelve months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. Our companions don't just provide transportation they go along with the senior on these errands. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers.

Our regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, exercise classes, line dancing, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, scrap booking group, a senior band and sing-a-long. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. New programs include Mah Jongg, knitting and rug hooking classes and a book discussion group. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association. Computer classes are offered daily and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area.

Our "Wellness" programming continues to expand. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom building next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. Our Flex & Tone exercise program, Yoga class and Line dancing continue to be popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We have also added massages and facials which are provided at a fee by trained professionals. The greater utilization of this adjoining space points out the need to construct a long planned connector between the two buildings for safety and convenience. We have added several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. We would like to expand evening programming to better serve seniors who have daytime responsibilities but staffing issues stand in the way of this goal.

Our intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. These include a "Caring and Sharing" program, foster grandparents, and community service opportunities for older students. We are currently developing a new program with the school system to provide students ongoing opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizational, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. The Alzheimer's Association has continued to offer programs at the Senior Center for Caregivers. We have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers.

This Christmas Season the parishioners of Saint Francis' church once again donated gifts to be distributed to our seniors. The Belchertown town hall employees donated both food and gift certificates to be distributed to our seniors at Thanksgiving time. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over 100 people were recognized for their service to seniors in FY05. Over 13,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of $135,000.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In home respite care and other in home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Increasing property taxes, prescription drug costs, and the high costs of in home services leave many seniors in our community facing decisions to choose between heat, food, and medicine. We attempt to help them find resources to meet these needs, but too many times there is no answer to their problems or way to meet their needs. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town.

The Belchertown Council on Aging Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. Thank you for this support.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Korzenowski
Senior Center Director

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Belchertown Cultural Council had the following nine members serve during 2005:

Chair:	Ljuba Marsh
Secretary:	Mary Ellen Miller
Treasurer:	Claire Baldwin
Members:	Sharon Cady-Harrison
	Joyce Harper
	Melanie Lewis
	Sharon McCartney
	Arose Nielsen
	Amy Rappaport

Mary Ellen Miller completed her sixth year on the council in June 2005. By MCC regulations, she was no longer able to continue as a member; other members of the council temporarily filled her role as secretary.

This year we added two new members: Sharon McCartney and Amy Rappaport, both artists.

This year we received notice of $3,450 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council to use for administrative expenses and grants for programs in the arts, sciences and humanities during FY 2006.
Prior to our review of applications, we conducted a survey of Belchertown residents to determine desired activities. We placed surveys in the Belchertown Sentinel, at the Clapp Memorial Library, The Belchertown Copy Store, The Spa, and handed them out at the Belchertown Fair. The responses we received were consistent in requests for dramatic presentations, musical concerts, historical events and nature programs. We used this information during our selection process.

We reviewed 24 grant requests; 11 grant applications did not follow our posted initial requirements and were rejected. At our November 2, 2005 meeting, we prioritized grants that would take place at a Belchertown site, meet the identified needs, and engage the largest number of residents. We selected the following eleven grants:

1. And Now Mark Twain/Richard Clark/$200
2. Music for Seniors/Patty Carpenter/$300
3. 19th Century Americana Music/ Edmund Quigley/$400
4. Magic at the Library/ Scott Jameson/$400
5. One Trick Wizard/Belchertown Family Center/$150
6. Generations: Grandma, Vaudeville and Me/ Friends of Clapp Library/$395
7. Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra/Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra/$250
8. British Soldier Lecture/Guy Morin/$200
9. Teens Writing in Belchertown/Claire Baldwin/$500
10. Intergenerational Concert/Moonlight and Morning Star/$300
11. Earth Rhythms/Davis Bates/$450

We held $172.50 for administrative expenses.

Budget FY2006

Income:

LCC Grant Funds:	$3450.00
BCC Account	$ 267.50
Total Funds for 2006	$3717.50

Expenditures:

Selected Grants (11)	$3545.00
Administrative Funds	$172.50
Total Allocations for 2006:	$3717.50

This year we scheduled meetings at least once a month. We continue to examine ways to enhance the arts, humanities and science programs in Belchertown. We hope to add more members to our Council and provide more cultural activities in Belchertown.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC)

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (BEDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven Members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Mass. General Law Chapter 121C, the BEDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property.

During FY 2005, BEDIC engaged Hunter Interests Inc. to conduct a feasibility study of a tourism destination development based on local assets and consistent with the character of Belchertown. They have proceeded as planned to the point where developer solicitation and implementation will be completed in FY 2006. It is anticipated that this process will result in the selection of a Master Developer who will start construction by the end of 2006.

The approved road off State Street is 75% completed with lots 1, 2/3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 sold. New buildings have been built and occupied with three more buildings to be built in the spring of 2006, creating real estate tax base and jobs.

With the main campus at least temporarily dedicated to the Hunter Master Plan, which includes an assisted living component, BEDIC is now working on developing Parcel D, which is on the south side of Route 21.

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Richard Steiner, Treasurer
Rich Kump, Clerk
Lloyd Chadbourne, Jr.
Loy Harris
Jonathan Spiegel

Associate Directors:
Woody Sherman
George Synan

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services has had another busy year providing 24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents and visitors of Belchertown from our location at 9 East Walnut Street.

The EMS Department presently consists of two full-time Paramedics, one full-time EMT-Intermediate, and one EMT-Basic. Our per diem employees consist of both Paramedics and EMT-Basics. Our station is staffed by two members from 8am-midnight. The midnight-8am shift is covered by members on-call, and they must respond to calls from home.

The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services responded to approximately 1,200 emergency calls in 2005. These calls consisted of medical calls, motor vehicle accidents, falls, and assisting the Fire and Police Departments. Approximately 84% of all these calls were between 8am-midnight, and the remaining 16% were between midnight-8am. Of the total of 1,200 calls, approximately 65-70% were calls that required Advanced Life Support (Paramedic Level) care to the patients.

In April, EMS Director Steven Syriac resigned from his position after serving the Town for several years as a member of the EMS Department. In June, Craig Bodamer, Paramedic was appointed to the position of Interim EMS Coordinator. In September, part-time employee Mark Brouillette was hired to the full-time position of EMT-Basic and Scott Chapman was hired to the full-time position of Paramedic.

In December, the EMS Department took delivery of a 2005 Chevy Trailblazer 4x4 to replace an older administrative vehicle and have the benefit of 4-wheel drive to expedite Paramedic Level responses even in snowy weather.

We at Belchertown EMS are committed to providing the highest level of Pre Hospital Paramedic Level care possible to the members of our Community. As the Interim EMS Coordinator, I would like to thank all members of our department, past and present, for their dedication and hard work. Our focus in the near future is to continue and improve our service that we provide and hopefully increase staffing levels to provide on duty personnel between midnight–8am to reduce the response time for the ambulance during those hours.

Respectively submitted,

Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
Interim EMS Coordinator

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES STUDY COMMITTEE

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Study Committee was formed in July 2005 to review, evaluate, and make recommendations for the Town of Belchertown EMS services. Members of the Committee include the following: Dr. Charles Cavagnaro, Michael Greco, Stephen Kavanaugh, Maurice Lalumiere, Jeffrey Lavoie, Peg Louraine, and Linda Tsoumas.

The EMS Study Committee met on July 27, August 10, August 24, September 7, October 5, October 19, November 2, and December 7 to discuss past and present EMS services to the Town. Input was sought from a variety of town employees through personal meetings and the review of financial and service records of EMS. Information was sought from the Town Administrator, Fire Chief, EMS Interim Coordinator, Police Chief and the Town Accountant, as well as outside EMS services.

A final report and recommendation addressing the delivery of EMS services and cost management is anticipated in early 2006.

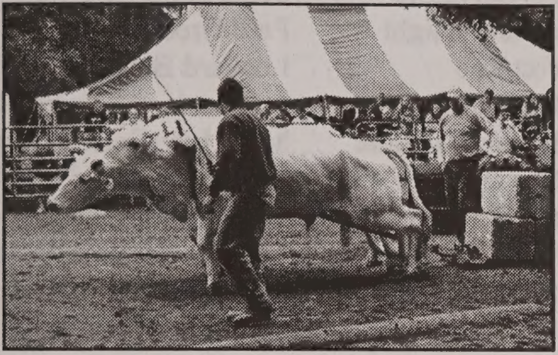
Respectfully submitted,

Linda J. Tsoumas, Chair
EMS Study Committee

BELCHERTOWN FAIR & PARADE COMMITTEE

Red, white and blue was evident throughout the town at the 148th Belchertown fair which celebrated "America the Beautiful". Parade participants out did themselves with a record number of entries resulting in great viewing for the many onlookers. Clapp Library won the float contest with an entry named "Clapp for America" and the Belchertown Cub Scout Pack 57 won the Judges best presentation of theme. It was heartwarming to see so much patriotic spirit to support service men and women and families.

Booth spaces were again sold out with a wait list by a wide variety of adult, youth, profit and non-profit groups. The Giant pumpkin raised by the Lamontagne family weighed 462 Lbs. Frogs jumped 104.5", horses pulled 18,000 lbs. and oxen11, 000 lbs. to win their contests. Record crowds enjoyed the continuous activity and music under the Social Tent and Youth Activity Tent.



Fair – 2005

There continued to be no additional state funding. Expenses are paid from a combination of vendor space rental, the fee from amusement vendor and the generous sponsorship provided by several organizations. This allowed us to continue the tradition of 3 days of free family activity. Of course the most essential ingredient comes from the hundreds of volunteers that work with us through out the year. Town Hall staffs, selectmen, and other departments provide invaluable be hind the scene support. Thanks you for all you do.

Several members have stated their intention to back away from their involvement in the next few years. Plans have begun for the 149th Belchertown Fair. Now is the time for those interested in continuing this community event to step up and work with us through planning and organization, as this is a yearlong activity. Dates for the 149th are September 29, 30 and October 1, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Brown, Chairperson
On behalf of the Belchertown Fair and
Parade Committee

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has had another successful year. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary dedication to the community. This is accomplished through efforts of the firefighters, their families, our Town Officials and the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and most of all, our great citizens of Belchertown.

The department was also benefited from a $21,000.00 grant from the State Government. This funding was utilized to purchase a small 4-wheel drive utility vehicle to reach those rural spots that our regular motorized vehicle cannot access. Additional purchases from the funding included an enclosed trailer to mobilize the utility vehicle, some hose and other safety equipment.

The department continues to pursue federal grants to replace and upgrade our most important apparatus. The towns second most important Fire Engine is now 32-years old and is in need of replacement, however this piece of equipment comes with a cost of $ 385,000.00. Planning for this funding must begin promptly.

The dedicated men and women that provide the quality and professionalism that the Town relies on in their fire department continue to train weekly on new technology and advance training practices. The department held 94 training sessions last year, which makes Belchertown firefighters an exemplary force.

The vast amount of development along with our increased population and the large geographical area that we cover has continued to hamper our response times to incidents. As for a volunteer department our response times to an emergency call would be considered reasonable for this type department. However a Nationally recognized response standard would deem this unacceptable. Our firefighters are quality trained and experienced, the department only lacks a quicker response time from inadequate full-time staffing. Full-time firefighters would not replace the existing call/volunteer department, but would add to the benefits of combining resources to give the citizens that quicker response which could be that key factor between life, death, and property conservation. I continuously reiterate this important information, and will continue my ongoing pledge for funding to bring Belchertown into the twenty-first century.

Fire Prevention and Education activities still continue to increase with little relief. The increase of home construction, commercial sites, and many new proposals create inspection demands and added services that overburden this department's full-time staff. More full-time staff is needed and must be considered in the near future.

It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment the Citizens make to this department, and the benefits that the fire department can provide back to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Members of Belchertown Fire Department:

Chief Fire Inspector

Capt. John Workman

Deputy Chiefs

Hugh Hubbard
James Hodgen

Captains

Timothy Lofland
Robert Hodgen
Richard McGinnis
David Auchter

Lieutenants

Edward D. Fuller
Tom Cooke
Max Bock
Darryn Beaudry

Firefighter

David Gay
Sam Joyal
Donald Thayer
Edward L. Fuller
Paul Salvatore
Edward Knight
Scott Rae
Matt Rivest
Matthew Gemme
Mike Beaupre
Patrick McMorrow
Gilbert Ocasio
Jon Ritter
Josh Pringle
William Shattuck, Jr.
Paul Tierney
Michael Samson
Jeff Hodgen
Scott Cameron
Paul Greene
Leonard Boisjolie
Jeff Scott
Mark Lavallee
Herbert Wood
Scott Chapman
Thomas Giguere
Jeff Haughey

Auxiliary Firefighters

Robert Ladd Sr.
Kevin Fitzgerald
Wylie Scalise
Amanda Hodgen
Dan Austin

Types of Responses 2005

Structure Fires	28
Vehicle Fires	07
Vehicle Extrication	09
Wildland Fires	42
CO Alarms	18
Hazardous Spills	25
Faulty Appliance	124
Sounding Alarms	14
Assist Police / EMS	11
Assist Homeowner	14
Mutual Aid	08
Total	**300**

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	771
Smoke Detector	300
Oil Burner	166
Propane Storage	109
Underground Tank Removal	04
Fuel Storage	03
Blasting	14
Total	**1366**

BOARD OF HEALTH

Communicable Disease Report

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 2005

Animal Bites:

Cat bites	4
Dog bites	9
Rabbit bite	1

Reportable Diseases:

Lyme disease	22
Chicken Pox	2
Meningitis	1
Salmonella	1
Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever	1
Ehrlichiosis	1
Giardia	1
Mycobacterium	1
Hepatitis C	1
Campylobacter	1

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians and hospitals. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Margarita Canuel R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown State workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Case follow up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health

2005 Permit Activity

The following is a list of the various permits that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2005.

- Well Permits: 87 (78 New Construction; 9 Replacements)
- Septic Permits: 140 (84 New Construction; 56 Repairs)
- Food Establishment Permits: 28
- Limited Food Establishment Permits: 6
- Retail Food Permits: 14
- Residential Kitchen Permit: 2
- Massage Therapy Licenses: 21

- Tanning Unit Permits: 3
- Ecology Can Permits: 0
- Funeral Director License: 1
- Hauler's Permits: 8
- Public Pool Permit: 1
- Public Spa Permit: 1
- Temporary Food Permits: 4
- Belchertown Fair Temporary Food Permits: 29
- Mobil Food Permit: 0
- Day Camp Permit: 0
- Piggery License: 2
- Frozen Dessert Licenses: 2
- Mobile Home Licenses: 1
- Tobacco Retail Permits: 12
- Installer's Permits: 54
- Milk and Cream Licenses: 31
- Bakery: 1

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Aberdale, Senior Clerk
Board of Health

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware, and Pelham. It was established by town meeting vote in 1980 and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services. Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments. The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County. The following table lists the major inspection services provided to each town in the District during 2005.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
Perc Test/Deepholes & Soil Evaluations	179	123	14
Septic Application Review (New Construction)	84	47	2
Septic Application Review (Repair)	56	37	12
Septic Installation Inspections & Re-inspections	106	58	7
Well Application Review	86	N/A	3
Housing Inspections (upon complaint)	11	36	3
Housing Re-inspections	11	76	2
Rental Voucher Inspections (upon req)	0	7	0
Lead Paint Inspections	0	6	0
Condemnation (number of units)	0	5	0
Food Establishment Inspections	70	48	2
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	30	7	0
Nuisance Orders Issued	5	31	1
Court Appearances	0	12	0
Tanning Salon Inspections	2	7	0
Massage Therapy Inspections	10	6	0
Tattoo Inspections	0	3	0
Pool & Sauna Inspections	2	0	0
Board Meetings	12	12	10

Total Activities District-wide: 1241

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2005, the main agenda items discussed by the Board were the 2006 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative/clerical personnel at both locations as well.

An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. All three communities belong to the Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, with the Director of Public Health sitting on the Executive Committee.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Randall Gauley, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; Colleen Aberdale, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alteration within the boundaries of the district, in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the district. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local zoning by-laws. Presently, there are over 100 Historic District Commissions operating in Massachusetts, administering over 200 Local Historic Districts.
Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the center historic district

Historic District Commissions are at the front line of preservation in Massachusetts. The review authority and oversight they have is a very effective method of preservation. In fact, our own Historic District was created because of the concern that there was significant change happening within the area of the town common--several buildings had been moved to other areas of town, one had been demolished.

-During the past year we held four public hearings regarding proposed work within the Historic District. We issued four certificates of appropriateness.

With funding that was remaining in our budget, we were able to make another printing of *A Walking Guide to the Historic District*. These guides are available at the Town Hall next to the elevator.

In April 2003, the Historic District Bylaw Commission adopted Historic District Design and Maintenance Guidelines. Part of the design guidelines included a section on appropriate signs for the district. Owners of properties and businesses had three years to bring their signs into compliance. That period will end on June 1, 2006. According to the guidelines, "signage within the Historic District should contribute and be in keeping with the historic character of the common." Traditional wood or wood like carved or painted signs are strongly encouraged. By the middle of 2006, we hope to no longer have internally illuminated signs and neon signs in the historic district.

During 2005 we started to address the lack of parking on the north end of the common and hope to find a viable solution to this problem in 2006.

For the third year, the Historic District Commission was pleased to present its annual preservation awards. This has become an annual event for properties located within the historic district. The property owner's chosen were recognized for their efforts in safeguarding the historic integrity of their homes for future generations to enjoy. These buildings are significant to the history of Belchertown and add a great deal to the town's character. Those presented with awards, in the form of historic markers for their properties were:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pazasis, The Harvey Montague House, 51 Main Street is the finest example of a cottage in Greek revival style in Belchertown. It was built ca. 1850 with pilasters, cornices and broken returns. It is the only Greek revival cottage with a full classical entry in both the gable end and south side. Its classical simplicity has been left unaltered.

Janise Fitzpatrick, *The Jonathan Dwight House* at 10 South Main Street was built ca. 1800 on the site of an earlier dwelling said to have been the home of his father Justus, in 1765. Jonathan kept a tavern here in this large square Federal style building with hipped roof. The classical front entry and other features have been retained, but the many Victorian details added to the structure reflect the affluence of later owners. In the 1850's a carriage shop stood to the rear of this property and later various small businesses were conducted in the back ell and basement. Early in the twentieth century it was the home of Myron Ward and it remained a single family home with one small apartment until the late 1950's. In addition to the apartment, it currently is the home of Jones/Baypath Realty and *The Belchertown Sentinel.*

The Belchertown Firefighters Association for the preservation of the *Belchertown Fire House Museum* which was moved further down North Main Street in 1999. The building houses some of Belchertown's original fire equipment. It was built in 1902. The Enterprise Hook and Ladder Company was organized in 1887 after a number of catastrophic fires. The seventeen-man volunteer company proposed a $500 appropriation for a building in which to store their new fire engine. However, taxpayers in outlying districts were skeptical of response beyond the town center and repeatedly voted down the $500 at town meeting. After a fire leveled the Humphrey Filer homestead, Green's store and Dr. Estes Howe's home, taxpayers finally approved the $500 building expenditure.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the state. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre, Chair
Annie Steiner
Jonathan Spiegel
Peter Roberts
Rob Condon

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Belchertown Historical Commission has the following members:

Leslie E. Squires – Chairman
Janet Cope
Sue Fulton
Shannon D. Materka
Alice Pelissier
Genevieve Schreiber
F. Knowlton Utley
Associate members:
Judith Fuller Gillan
Loy Harris

During the past year the Belchertown Historical Commission continued with the process of mapping the cemeteries in town. We are about 65% completed with Mount Hope. We divided the cemetery into sectors. Each sector was given a letter and a number and individual members were assigned a sector and they would draw a rough picture of the headstones in that sector. They also recorded the names and dates on the stones.

In December 2006 the Belchertown Historical Commission received a letter from Massachusetts Highway Department explaining they want to remove and replace the little narrow bridge that crosses Jabish Brook on River Street. The new bridge will be wider than the old one. After discussing the bridge we determined there was no historical reason to prevent this work from going on. A letter by the chairman was sent giving our approval.

The Commission continues to work on a Demolition Delay By-law. The idea is to try to preserve historic houses in town from being destroyed. Our first idea was to include all houses built before 1945. If someone wanted to demolish a building built in that period than that person would go to the building inspector to get a permit and get the ok from the Historical Commission. The initial proposal was going to take about a year from the time of the request till approval. That was idea one. Our current idea is to cover a select number of homes and other buildings that have historical significance to warrant their being preserved. More work has to be down before we are ready to go the Board of Selectmen and to the Town.

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Belchertown Historical Commission

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued 89 single-family new construction building permit applications during the year 2005, 11 less than the 2004 figure of 100. The total number of building permits for the year totaled 564. This includes all single-family homes, additions, demolitions, sheds, garages, barns, etc. The biggest changes in comparing 2005 with 2004 were a marked increase in additions and repairs to homes (210 in 2005 and 178 in 2004) and the installation of woodstove/pellet stoves (64 in 2005 and 47 in 2004).

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Paul Choiniere continues to serve as primary Electrical Inspector and Douglas Rae is serving as Assistant Electrical Inspector.

PLANNING BOARD

2005 included many plan reviews. Residential subdivision applications increased, and there were more non-residential projects this year. The Inspection Services report has a breakdown of new house building permits issued for the year.

The Planning Board continues to encourage the community to get more involved in guiding the direction of the town's growth. There is much going on and everyone is affected.

Development Activity:

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Sixty-nine new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. This is nineteen fewer ANR lots than last year. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Allen Road	6
Old Enfield Road	6
South Street	6
Jackson Street	5
Jensen Street	5
Mill Valley Road	5
Granby Road	4
Ludlow Road	4
Eskett Street	3
Gulf Road	3
Michael Sears Road	2
North Washington St.	2
Sabin Street	2
South Gulf Road	2
Spring Hill Road	2
State Street	2
Ware Road	2
Barton Avenue	1
George Hannum Road	1
Munsell Street	1
North Liberty Street	1
North Main Street	1
Shea Avenue	1
Stebbins Street	1
Warren Wright Road	1

Preliminary Subdivision Plans: the Planning Board reviewed one preliminary subdivision plan during 2005. A preliminary subdivision plan is an opportunity for a developer and the Planning Board to negotiate a project in its early stages before the binding obligations of a definitive subdivision submittal. Preliminary plans are not required for residential subdivisions, but are required for all non-residential subdivisions. A preliminary plan in many ways protects a developer by prompting a "freeze" on certain regulatory changes that may take effect within a certain amount of time. As long as the preliminary plan is followed by the submittal of a definitive plan within seven months, changes such as zoning or subdivision regulations do not apply to that project. This is true even if the Planning Board does not approve a preliminary plan. The preliminary plan reviewed in 2005 was for a residential subdivision.

Definitive Subdivision Plans: Four definitive subdivision plans were reviewed during 2005. Two of these plans were withdrawn by the applicants, and the other two were approved. The approved subdivisions are Pepper Ridge Road, a twelve lot dead-end off Springfield Road, which includes dedicated open space; and Wood's Edge Road/Willow Lane, off Aldrich Street, with twenty-one lots. Willow Lane is a dead-end, and Wood's Edge Road connects to Meadow Pond Road, then to Ware Road. The Meadow Pond Road subdivision was amended to make the connection and add some lots, for a total now of twenty-seven house lots.

Other subdivision activities included extending the approval periods for Concord Road and for Old Sawmill Road.

The Planning Board monitored seventeen subdivisions under construction during 2005, including the ones noted above. Performance guarantee exchanges, plan modifications and extensions for subdivisions were processed.

Completed Subdivisions:

No subdivision was completed in 2005. The Clearwater Ridge subdivision, which is upper Barton Avenue and which had been abandoned by its developers, is now the property of the town and just has to endure some administrative work to be deemed complete.

Other Development Reviews:

The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan approvals:
- Belchertown Garden Center on Front Street
- Richard Staples' parts warehouse on Front Street
- Cold Spring Self-storage on Harris Street
- Paixao's Used Car lot on Ware Road
- Belvedere Restaurant on North Main Street

The Planning Board extended the site plan approval for an unnamed bank on North Main Street and Ware Road, and reviewed a modified plan for the golf course condos off Chauncey Walker Road, which was withdrawn by the applicant.

There were two 55-and-over housing condominium complexes approved in 2005. One is Summerhill, off Daniel Shays Highway, which is to have a ninety-units; the other is Orchard Villa off Center Street, with twenty-six units.

Two common driveway special permits were granted, one for two lots off Sabin Street, the other for two lots off Old Enfield Road.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

- The Planning Board recommended some revisions to the zoning bylaw to town meeting, specifically the common driveway section. In other cases, other parties requested changes to the zoning bylaw or map, which requires the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to town meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the zoning bylaw or map.

Compliance With the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board continued implementing the recommendations of the Community Plan. Some of the actions include:

- Encouraged developers to include more open space and preserved land in their projects.
- Worked with the EDIC and selectmen on planning for the former state school.
- Supported legislative redrafting of Massachusetts' land use laws.
- Encouraged businesses to share parking.
- Drafted a revision of the common driveway bylaw to make this less intrusive type of development more viable an option.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Town Planner continues to oversee the town's Geographic Information System (GIS). There is an Internet version of the GIS, accessible via the town's web site. The main system has been not been funded for several years and needs attention.

The Planning Board's web site linked via the town hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the zoning by-law and makes zoning recommendations to town meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership is as follows:

- Joe Gilman, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (term expires: 2006);
- Elizabeth Chase, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2007);
- James Natle, Vice Chair (term expires: 2009);
- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2010);
- Daniel Beaudette, (term expired in 2005, was appointed to vacancy in December, appointment expires in 2006);
- James Barry, (resigned December 1, 2005);
- Vacant, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits; (appointed annually. This had been filled by George Synan until his election; Daniel Beaudette was then appointed then resigned upon appointment to full membership)
- Joanne Shimkin, Associate Member. (appointed annually)

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary.
- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Board and staff thank Jim Barry for his seven years of leadership on the Planning Board. He was chairman for five years and initiated and guided the Community Plan.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson, Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Police Department continues to remain proactive in 2005, providing quality services to the residents of Belchertown. Our departments call volume and activity continued to increase this past year.

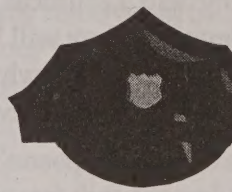
Our dispatch center received 16,305 calls for services; an increase of 2680 calls from the previous year. We received 1526 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 523 arrests, for a total of 888 incidents. Officers issued 2319 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 323 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department continues to offer several community based- policing programs through a community police grant received yearly from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety. The programs include the RAD, RAD kids programs, and the Citizen Police Academy.

The 11-week citizen police academy programs enables the residents to meet and be instructed by Belchertown Officers and learn about various aspects of police work. The program is offered twice a year. This program continues to receive overwhelming response, and continues to be a major component of our department's community policing programs.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high school assisting staff and students, which has been met with great success. The officer has been funded by a grant from the Department of Justice which has just recently completed its funding. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within are school district and through this cooperation continued to keep funding in place for this position this past year. The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; .The Police Department has trained a new officer this past year to start teaching the program Officer Jason Krol will begin the program sometime in February 2006. Both the Police Department and the School department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs. The Police Department continues to work with the community's senior population through the T.R.I.A.D program and the local S.A.LT (seniors and law enforcement working together) The Police Department and the Senior center committee meet on a monthly basis and work on special projects through out the course of the year, this group is always looking for and would welcome new members.

Belchertown Police Officers with cooperation of the Belchertown Recreation Department continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. Women and children continue to receive the programs with overwhelming response enthusiasm. The Police Department continues to seek plans to work with the school department to implement the RAD Kids program into the K-4 curriculum this coming year. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior woman so they could receive classroom credit for the program.



The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our communities' children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year on a monthly basis. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Clicket or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues.

The Belchertown Police Department was awarded an additional Homeland Security Grant this past year in order to continue to upgrade our communication systems. This upgraded technology increased our department's capabilities to communicate more effectively with local and surrounding cities and towns Police, Fire and EMS services and increase are radio coverage in the north end of our community.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year hired four additional part time police officers Justin Hooten, Jason Christofori, David Williams, and Josh Dufrense. The department presently has two recruit officers, Steven Henn and Dennis Fitzgerald attending five months of training at the Municipal Police Training Committee Academy at Springfield Technical Community College and they will be graduating on February 3 2006 which will allow our agency to get back to level staffing.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to make this community viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community

Respectfully submitted,

Francis R. Fox Jr.
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

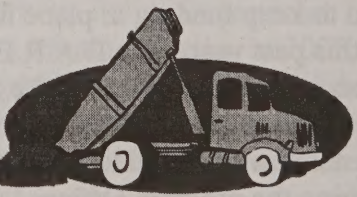
Lean budgets, overwhelming inflation, and additional demand on our resources contributed to another difficult but highly successful year for the Department of Public Works

Highway Division

The Highway Division began and ended its year performing snow removal throughout the Town. 23 storms dropped a total of 99 inches of snow, consuming five months of the calendar year, and a vast amount of resources. The remainder of the year was split between street sweeping, pothole patching, equipment maintenance, resurfacing projects, and performing site work for the Town's new salt shed. The following list represents the streets resurfaced this year:

Gulf Road	6,075 ft.
Munsell Street	2,650 ft.
West Street	7,300 ft.
East Street	11,560 ft.
Enoch Sanford Road	2,790 ft.
Sabin Street	10,240 ft.

The Highway Division was fortunate to receive a new street sweeper, 48,000-pound GVW dump truck, and an asphalt hot box. The needed equipment should provide the Town with years of service.



Wastewater Treatment Plant

The water reclamation facility also had a productive year. Last year's completion of the Tri-Lakes Sewer project allowed for 75 new connections this year. New development along our existing sewers accounted for 23 additional connections, bringing the total new connections in 2005 to 98.

The staff at the facility kept especially busy treating the 105.84 million gallons of raw sewerage that entered the facility. In addition to providing daily coverage at the facility, the crew is responsible for the maintenance of the entire sewer system. Fortunately, we were able to purchase a new jet rodder to assist with this effort. We also replaced 220 feet of sewer lines at the former state school campus in an effort to mitigate surcharging and the inflow of extraneous water into the system.

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Division

The buildings and ground maintenance divisions kept extremely busy this year with 32 buildings and over 200 acres of grounds to care for. Both of these divisions spent the majority of their time performing routine maintenance. This includes fire alarm testing, sprinkler testing, custodial care, mowing, leaf removal, and ball field preparation. In addition, the buildings division also replaced the Franklin School roof, replaced the water heater at the Senior Center, and nearly completed the construction of the Town's new 48,000 square foot salt storage shed.

Transfer Station

Activity at the Town's Transfer Station increased during 2005. Approximately 1,810 households participated in our program, generating the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables.

- 170 tons of commingled containers
- 520 tons of paper & cardboard
- 1700 gallons of waste oil
- 447 tires
- 934 tons of solid waste

As a result of the continued patron support, careful management of our expenses, and rigorous enforcement of the facilities' rules and regulations, we are able and pleased to report the Transfer Station fees increased only slightly ($10.00 per full year sticker) in 2005.

Cemetery Division

The Cemetery Division conducted a total of 17 burials, 9 of which were cremations. Other activities included lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair

Tree and Vegetation Control

Tree and vegetation control activities increased with roadside mowing and hazardous tree removal accounting for the majority of our work completed. Each year a greater number of trees fall victim to various environmental factors and are removed. Consequently, we are extremely pleased to report that several donations allowed for the Town's replacement program to continue for another year.

Safety Committee

The Department's Safety Committee met several times throughout the year to review accidents, implement new safety measures and to schedule training. Throughout the year, the following training was provided:

- Blood Born Pathogen Exposure Mitigation
- Material Safety & Data Sheet Awareness
- Chemical Safety and Awareness

- Right-to-Know
- Vapor Recovery
- Confined Space Awareness
- Emergency Response, Chemical Hazard Awareness

Concluding Statement

The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work.

Cheryl Bishop, Administrative Assistant
Kevin Brown, Grounds Maint. Supervisor
Max Bock, Buildings Maint. Supervisor
Terrance Szczygiel, Buildings Maint. Worker
Michelle Burns, Custodian
Debra Giammarino, Custodian
Terry Chevalier DPW Laborer
Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
Robert Syrek, DPW Laborer
Chris Elias, DPW Laborer
Robert Cole, Highway Supervisor
Walter Bosworth, Highway Foreman
Edward Forgette, Highway Mechanic
Darin Braese, Highway Equip. Operator I
Ed Burton, Highway Equip. Operator I
Tom Kirley, Highway Equip. Operator I
Leo Peet, Highway Equip. Operator I
Rene LaFleche, Highway Equip. Operator II
Denis Lessard, Highway Equip. Operator II
Joe Michalak, Transfer Station Foreman
Robert Cole, Jr. Transfer Station Attendant
Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operations Supervisor
Jeffrey Patnaude, WWTP Operator I
David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I
Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams, Director
Department of Public Works

RECREATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Recreation Commission is made up of seven Voting Members and two Associate (Non-Voting) Members. The Commissions are appointed by the Town's Board of Selectman and serve for a three-year term.

This year the Commission welcomed several new members that have brought a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm to the group. As a group we have undertaken the work necessary to set the Commission's course into the future. We are working to establish a Mission Statement, setup By-Laws and to convert previous guidelines established by the former Recreation Committee into Recreation Commission Policy. All Recreation Policies are available for review at the Recreation Department Office during normal working hours.

The Commission welcomes the public to join in and share your views with us. We are working to encourage participation and discussion of recreation issues that are a concern to the Community. We encourage you to write to us or appear in person at one of our monthly Meetings. Our current schedule is the second and fourth Wednesday of each month starting at 7pm at the Recreation Department Office on State Street.

The Commission is committed with providing recreational opportunities for the community through programs offered by the Recreation Department.

2005 Commission Officers and Members:
Kathleen W. Scruton, Chairman
Thomas Kubacki, Vice Chairman
Nancy Kwiatkowski, Clerk
Robert Chartier
William Eldridge
Karen Schiffer
Edward Sokolowski
Thomas (Toby) Brown, Associate Member
Daniel Shafer, Associate Member

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Even thought we continue to feel the effects of the budget cuts and most of our long range improvement and development plans have had to be put on the back burner we continue to be able to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. By trimming some corners and the invaluable help of volunteers we were still able to hold weeklong clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. Summer programs for ages 3 to 15 enjoyed such programs as art classes, baton, Take-A-Hike, wrestling, biking, Canoeing, golfing and jr. bikers. Two new programs that were introduced last summer were again very successful this past season (MAD Science Week and Adventure Week). We survived our 13th annual basketball tournament with no delays from Mother Nature. The 15th annual baseball tournament also went off this past summer with no weather delays. Fortunately Mother Nature gave us a break this year and gave us a beautiful sunny Saturday for 15 Annual Golf Tournament.

With the continuing support of our loyal patrons and restructuring our budgets we have been able to continue to offer many different aquatic services. We are continuing to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, Scuba, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming 5 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools and local boys and girls scout troops continued to use the facility this past year. Water Safety Instructor Courses and American Red Cross and CPR/FPR training courses were offered in the spring and fall.

In the Spring of 2005 we continued our overall beautification of the town beach by adding an additional play sculptor for our young visitors and installing a sidewalk for easier assess to our bath facilities. Our second summer of enjoyable weather along with special events held throughout the beach season helped to increase our daily attendance.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD

Members of the Board:

The Board is to be composed of five members, serving staggered terms, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board started the calendar year with four members: Simon James, Steven Syriac, Terri Hazzard, and Daniel Beaudette. The present Chair is Daniel Beaudette. The fifth Board member position has been vacant the entire year.

Terri Hazzard's appointment expired June 2005, and she did not wish to be reappointed at that time. The Board appreciates her participation. This seat

Our two vacancies continue to be advertised in the local newspapers. If you are interested in serving, please submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen, P.O. Box 670, Belchertown, MA 01007.

The terms of the present members are:

Steven Syriac	6/30/06
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/07
Simon James	6/30/09

Activities before the Board:

The Town Clerk received three Applications for Certificates of Eviction on 8/2/04, from Aquarius Water Company, Inc., d/b/a Sportshaven Mobile Home Park. The Board held public hearings on the applications on 9/23/04, 10/20/04 and 12/8/04; however, final determinations were suspended pending further action by the Board of Health on licensing on the Park. The calendar year closed with final action on the three applications still pending. The Board of Health determined at its 2/7/05 public hearing that it would not issue a mobile home park license to the applicant.

A public hearing scheduled for 2/10/05 was cancelled due to a snow storm. The Board held a public hearing on 3/10/05, during which it voted to deny the eviction applications, because the applicant did not possess a license to operate a mobile home park.

There have been no further requests for activity under the Town Rules and Regulations for Mobile Home Parks, so the Board has not met during April to December.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan:

There were no action items specifically addressed to the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board. The Board recognizes that affordable housing is a significant item in the plan and that (mobile) manufactured homes are an important part of providing low cost housing to our community.

Projects and Recommendations:

The Board expresses its concern that the continued situation of failing infrastructure and health code violations cited by state and local officials at the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park has created an unsuitable situation for its inhabitants.

For the Board,

Daniel R. Beaudette, Chairman
Mobile Home Rent Control Board

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Committee was able to award four scholarships in 2005. We are completely dependent on the generosity of the people of our town for support. We ask that you allow us to continue to help the residents of our town to attend college by making a contribution when you send in your taxes.

There is a place to register your contribution on your tax bill. It's hard to ask you to send in more than required as you write out that check for your tax bill but this is for a good cause and anything you can add is appreciated. Our scholarships are awarded based on the following criteria: Financial need, academic accomplishment, community service, character references and school activities.

Our 2005 Scholarship recipient were Jessica Gottsegan, Harrison Reed, Aimee Cote and Brian Hourihan. They were awarded $400 each

The balance in the Scholarship Account was $1,821.99 on January 1, 2005 and it was $1,453.32 on December 31, 2005. We received approximately $1, 188 in contributions and paid out $1,600 in Scholarships.

Submitted by,

Simon R. James, Chairman
Scholarship Committee

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

The 2005 school year can be characterized as the continuation of overall high and improved school district state MCAS test scores, significant student enrollment growth with an increase in average class size at most grade levels, the opening of the new Jabish Brook Middle School (i.e., the former Belchertown High School), a major re-alignment of several grade levels to different school facilities, and the restructuring of special education.

Concerning state MCAS test scores, Belchertown Public Schools continued to be one of the top performers (i.e., a very cost effective school district with one of lowest per-pupil costs and highest MCAS test results in our geographic area). Belchertown School District's 2005 MCAS test results showed that the aggregate of all students, at all the grade levels and in all subjects tested, made adequate yearly progress as defined by the federal No Child Left Behind standards. Of particular note were the school district's improved test scores in grade four science, grade four mathematics, grade seven English, grade eight science, grade eight mathematics, grade ten mathematics, and grade ten English. In addition, Belchertown was notified that it had forty-three of its seniors earn John and Abigail Adams free tuition merit scholarships to be used at any Massachusetts state college or university based on achieving very high MCAS scores.

Regarding student enrollment, the trend of increasing student enrollments continued to impact the average class size throughout the school district. The school district grew by 103 students from 2004 to 2005. Preschool and kindergarten were especially affected by the increase, requiring the hiring of additional teachers and support staff at those grade levels. However, the opening of Jabish Brook Middle School, after receiving a three-year facelift, added much needed classroom space. The long awaited grade level realignment plan finally materialized and was implemented with much success. School personnel affected by the move took on a huge, but important task of moving classrooms to different school buildings and were complimented for their dedication and extra effort. The new Belchertown School District grade level structure was: Belchertown High School/Grades 9-12; Jabish Brook Middle School/Grades 7-8; Chestnut Hill Community School/Grades 4-6; Swift River Elementary School/Grades 1-3; and Cold Spring School/ Grades PK-K. Tadgell School was not assigned grade levels at the start of the 2005-2006 school year, but was scheduled to receive a minor facelift for reopening as soon as possible to accommodate future student enrollment growth and the need for expanded programs and services.

Another major change was the hiring of a new Special Education Director with the charge to review the entire special education structure, to evaluate all special education programs and services, and to recommend changes that would provide an expanded continuum of programs and services to improve instruction and to reduce the number of out-of-district placements. Finally, and with great pride, the Belchertown School District was awarded the first ever Director's Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency for exceptional leadership and performance by creating healthy learning environments for students and staff related to radon gas reduction. The Belchertown model was identified as the most successful model for radon reduction to be recommended for use by all school districts throughout the United States.

School Business Manager's Report

During 2005, for the second year in a row, the citizens of Belchertown voted a below level-service school budget that was reflective of continued reductions in state funding. The school district's effective procedures for monitoring the spending of the budget allowed the financial resources to be used as requested in the approved budget.

Belchertown Public Schools opened the newly renovated Jabish Brook Middle School in time for the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. The opening of Jabish Brook created additional classroom space and allowed the long-awaited grade-level reorganization plan to be implemented. The custodial and maintenance staff, led by Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings and Grounds, played a major role in the successful opening of the 2005-2006 school year with their superior work related to the moving of classrooms during the summer of 2005. Director Lachance and his staff moved: seventh and eighth grade books and classroom supplies from Chestnut Hill Community School to the new Jabish Brook Middle School; fourth and fifth grade books, classroom supplies, and classroom furniture from Swift River Elementary School to Chestnut Hill Community School; first and second grade books, classroom supplies, and classroom furniture from Cold Spring School and Tadgell School to Swift River Elementary School; and preschool books, classroom supplies, and classroom furniture from Swift River Elementary School to Cold Spring School. The custodial and maintenance staff met all classroom moving deadlines and were commended for their hard work.

Belchertown School District's school lunch program continued to maintain student participation above the state average through the leadership of Ann Marie Beaupre, Director of Food Services, and the efforts of her hardworking food service staff. School lunch participation reached an all time high of 76 percent in fall of 2005. The food service department was also affected by the grade-level reorganization move. Food service staff from Cold Spring School were reassigned to Swift River Elementary School, Swift River Elementary School food service staff were reassigned to Chestnut Hill Community School, and Chestnut Hill Community School food service staff were reassigned to open the renovated kitchen at the new Jabish Brook Middle School. In addition, Swift River Elementary School food service staff were given an additional task to provide lunches to Cold Spring School students. Belchertown Public Schools continued to purchase locally grown produce and the nutrients of all menus were made available on the Belchertown Public Schools web site for daily review.

Belchertown Public Schools continued to provide bus transportation for all students.

Five Star Transportation scheduled twenty-one buses to transport all regular education students to and from their schools. The reconfiguration of the schools caused changes in transporting students for the start of the 2005-2006 school year. The two-tier system went from transporting kindergarten through grade five students and grade six through grade twelve students, to transporting kindergarten through grade six students and grade seven to grade twelve students. Van Pool Transportation continued to provide transportation for special education students. Also, school bus transportation continued to be provided for students participating in after school activities and high school athletics.

Special Education Director's Report

During the first part of 2005, the Special Education Department continued to enhance new programs that were initiated in 2004. Among these programs were primary and elementary level language-based tutorial programs, special learning centers at the elementary level, and resource rooms at the intermediate level. The school district continued to serve the majority of Belchertown students in classroom settings that offered supported inclusion, learning skills and life skills programs, school-to-work programs, autism programs, and early childhood language programs. Two pre-school classrooms served the needs of students with special needs between the ages of three and five, as well as students without special needs. The district also continued to provide therapeutic services including speech/language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and adaptive physical education.

School Year 2005 was a year of transition for the Special Education Department. As part of the response to the results of the Department of Education's 2004 Coordinated Program Review, special education staff, regular education staff, and building principals worked with the interim Special Education Director to begin the process of identifying additional areas of service delivery need for students. Several existing programs were refined and/or expanded to meet those needs. New programs at the primary and elementary levels were designed in order to expand the district's continuum of services. These programs were based on the needs of students already attending programs in Belchertown as well as the needs of some students in out-of-district programs.

The new Director of Special Education came to the district in late June 2005. Many changes were instituted, partly as a result of the Department of Education's Coordinated Program Review. A new on-line system for creating and tracking Individualized Education Plans was put into place with positive results. Additional record-keeping systems were put into place to improve administrative efficiency. A variety of trainings were provided for all district staff, including trainings on the new Individuals With Disabilities Act and Civil Rights issues. Four new programs were also created and implemented. Three programs at Swift River were the "S.A.I.L.S." program for students with significant behavioral issues and two "Pathways" programs for students whose reading needs place them significantly below grade level. In addition, a "Pathways" program was implemented at Chestnut Hill Community School. And as the result of increased student enrollments, a third pre-school classroom was added at Cold Spring School.

One of the most important changes in 2005 was the addition of two Team Leader Coordinator positions to help improve the administration of special education programs and services throughout the school district. One Team Leader Coordinator was assigned to direct all of the special education meetings for students in grades preschool through grade five and the other Team

Leader Coordinator was assigned to direct all of the special education meetings for students in grades six through twelve. The Team Leader Coordinators were specifically assigned the responsibility for chairing the special education meetings, gathering preliminary information for the meetings, and writing students' individualized education plans. In addition, a significant amount of paperwork responsibilities normally assigned to the special education teachers were transferred to the Team Leader Coordinators to allow special education teachers to spend more time instructing students. These positions also allowed the Director of Special Education more time to spend on Department of Education required requirements and tasks and to work with the buildings level administrators to design improved programs and services to serve all children.

To date, the initial reorganization of special education has been very successful and well-received. However, these changes could not have been successful without the continuing support of the staff, the school buildings administrators, school committee, and the superintendent.

Early Childhood Center And Elementary School Principal's Report

The 2005 grade level reorganization of the school district resulted in both the Cold Spring Early Childhood Center and Swift River Elementary School being assigned to principal Sandra Bremer.

Cold Spring School had been transformed from a primary school to an Early Childhood Learning Center housing three pre-school classrooms taught by: Claudia Allain, Caroline Lequin, and Meghan McKinstry. Meghan was a new teacher brought on board as the result of a significant increase in the preschool student enrollment. Cold Spring School also housed eight kindergarten classrooms instructed by: Deborah Beauchamp, Marianne Bodzinski, Louise Butler, Mary Dulchinos, Kathleen Kucinski, Elizabeth Moynihan, Robin Murphy, and Andrea Mastalerz, also the Head and Lead Teacher for Cold Spring School. Having preschool and kindergarten together at the same location allowed the school's new mission to focus on the implementation of a developmentally appropriate curriculum including the early intervention of literacy. Cold Spring School opened with eighty-six students in the preschool program and one hundred ninety-four students in the kindergarten program. Mr. William McDonald, a newly hired assistant principal, was assigned half-time duty at Cold Spring School to oversee the day-to-day administrative responsibilities of the building. Ms. Mary Sharma, guidance counselor, was also assigned guidance responsibility for both Cold Spring School and Swift River Elementary School and made a most positive impact on the new Early Childhood Center approach to learning, including fostering strong home-school connections.

Swift River Elementary School had been changed from a grade 3,4,5 upper elementary school to a grade 1,2,3 lower elementary school. Grade one and two teachers, moving from both Cold Spring School and Tadgell School, were warmly welcomed by the grade three teachers and soon all bonded to continue a strong focus on the safety and success of all students. The grade level reorganization allowed for the expansion of programs in grades 1,2,3 at Swift River Elementary School. The first expansion was the new SAILS program (i.e., Students Achieving Independent Learning Safely), which was assigned to Karen Misiaszek, a specialist dealing with significant student behaviors. Swift River Elementary School also initiated two Pathways Programs, taught by Jennifer Gurney and Deborah Faust. The focus of these programs was to provide intense instructional services in small group settings to accommodate the varying and diverse learning styles and needs of our students.

Both Cold Spring and Swift River Schools continued to have a most dedicated School Council. The members of the Council were: principal Sandra Bremer; co-chair and parent Elise Wright; parent Shannon Synan; parent George Oulundsen III; teacher Nancy Kwiatkowski; and teacher Heidi Oldenburg. These individuals worked diligently to develop a school improvement plan that outlined the goals appropriate for each school with an emphasis on improved instruction and learning.

Despite the grade level reorganization, Sandra Bremer maintained an alliance with the University of Massachusetts to assist with research to improve teaching and learning. Due to this partnership, Swift River Elementary School has received a total of twelve new computers. This year, Dr. Michael Royer, a professor at UMASS, associate Dr. Wise, and graduate students are working closely with our second grade teachers and students to gather data in support of their research hypothesis. The professors are studying how knowing one's mathematical facts allow the brain to move forward onto more advanced mathematical reasoning and concepts.

To assist principal Sandra Bremer with the supervision of both CSS and SRE, assistant principal Barbara Mackenzie-Rodgers transferred from the upper elementary to the lower elementary grades and was an asset in establishing and fostering a safe and friendly school climate where all students, parents, and school personnel felt welcomed, valued, and respected. Her responsibilities were many and assisted with everything from scheduling the facility, working with the teachers on their individual professional development plans, and helping to improve teaching and learning in every classroom.

The federal Title I program continued to be extremely effective in the younger grades and Ms. Pamela Davis, the Director, was able to extend the services to include grade three, in addition to grades one and two. The English/language arts curriculum continued to be taught both in small groups as well as in full classroom settings. Many of the teachers became trained in the Telian-Cas method of *Lively Letters* - a multi-modal, scientifically researched phonemic awareness approach that allowed students to become actively involved in their own learning. It is the most "cutting edge" approach to phonics and students at both Cold Spring and Swift River schools enjoyed the process of this innovative type of instruction due to Ms. Davis' funding and professional support.

Finally, merging preschool with kindergarten and the creation of a separate Early Childhood Center enabled the school district to better address and implement the most effective school protocols for this age group by focusing on the development of the whole child. Also, having grades one, two, and three together at Swift River Elementary School provided many new opportunities for cross-grade programming. Several staff and faculty members reconnected and formed new collegial relationships, shared ideas, resources, and educational materials.

Intermediate School Principal's Report

The 2005 school year began with anticipation and anxiety as the school district continued its efforts to restructure grade levels. By early spring it was apparent that the grade level realignment plan was going to be implemented and communication between administration and teachers and between the schools was frequent and informative. Parents and students were given constant updates through newsletters and special correspondence. SRE students in grades four, five, and six were informed that they would be going to Chestnut Hill Community School in the fall of 2005.

Grade four participated in the NAEP testing, a nation-wide assessment of fourth graders in reading, math and science. The federal government took the test results from different schools around the nation and publishes a document called *Nation's Report Card* which compares our nation against other countries.

The Springfield Symphony, for the first time, performed a "Petting Zoo" for grade four students thanks to a generous donation from Easthampton Savings Bank. Students were able to play instruments and listen to different sounds instruments make. Also, a string quartet performed to introduce students to string instruments.

The summer months involved outstanding efforts by custodians and volunteers who took on the task of relocating thirty classrooms from Swift River Elementary to Chestnut Hill Community School.

In late August, the PTO helped CHCS organized a visiting day that was well attended by parents and children. Opening day saw approximately 626 students enter Chestnut Hill School for the first time. With much excitement, CHCS was able to offer students a full- sized gym, band/music under one roof, a functional computer lab, and a large playground area.

Chestnut Hill Community' School's goal of improving home-school communication continued with parental and community support in various ways such as work within the classrooms, chaperoning class trips, and instructing students on important career and personal life experiences.

CHCS provided the implementation of an intensive reading program for students who were at least two grade levels below in skills. CHCS also re-introduced a co-taught teaching classroom at each grade level. Two teachers, one a special education and the other a regular education teacher, worked together to provide a team teaching approach to learning. Also, at each grade level, CHCS provided added support with a special education paraprofessional who floated between two classrooms while the special education teacher taught in the reciprocal classroom.

CHCS staff continued to build staff's strong professional development skills by attending workshops on Physical Restraint, Civil Rights, Department Of Education Special Education Training, English As A Second Language Instruction, on-line opportunities, and others.

The CHCS school improvement plan went going through revisions with a main focus continues on providing quality education. The CHCS School Council included: Laura Griffin, Rose Luippold, Erin Hebert, Karen Horak, Diane Brown, Jon Endelos, Laurie Murray, and Charles Anderson.

Middle School Principal's Report

Chestnut Hill Community School started 2005 with the realization that it would be the final year the building would be used as a middle school. A long history of student programs and school functions were held through the late winter and spring months, including the annual National Geographic Geography Bee in January, the Winter Concert in February, a Tsunami Relief fundraiser and the annual Science Fair in March, the Drama Club production of "The Prince and the Pauper" in April, and MCAS tests as well as the Great East Music Festival in May. In June, the final presentation of the middle school transition ceremony was held at Chestnut Hill Community School. Mr. Gary McCauley, principal and Mr. John Beebe, assistant principal both retired from the Belchertown School District after a combined history of nearly fifty years of service to the children of Belchertown.

July 1st brought a new chapter to the school district, and an exciting new start to the educational process in town. The major undertaking of realigning the school district was realized in the summer of 2005 and the packing, moving, unpacking, and opening the newly renovated high school into the new middle school was the first of several moves made within the school district. A great deal of thanks went out to the custodial staff and the volunteers within the community who were involved in this move for their hard work, dedication, patience, and endurance.

Not only was the move to the new middle school building successfully implemented, but a new building principal, Thomas Ruscio, was hired to lead and manage Jabish Brook Middle School. New staff members joined the Jabish Brook faculty over the summer. William Shea was hired as foreign language teacher, and brought the return of the foreign language program to the middle school, and William McDonald was hired as part-time assistant principal.

Jabish Brook Middle School developed a school newsletter as part of an effort to keep parents up-to-date on the new school's happenings. Also, a new telephone system was installed to allow for more immediate methods of communication between faculty, staff, and administration and with students and parents.

High School Principal's Report

2005 was a very successful and productive year for the administration, faculty, staff, and students at Belchertown High School. BHS students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits and Belchertown High School students and faculty continued to bring great pride to the community.

On January 27th, the Class of 2009 and their parents enjoyed an orientation program that showed why Belchertown High School is such a very special place. Students and their parents were able to speak with the administration, faculty, and students about all that Belchertown High School had to offer. Upperclassmen were on hand to provide tours and talk about their own experiences at BHS and teachers provided information on curricula.

During the weekend of January 29th and 30th, a Leadership Lock-In was held at the high school. Seventy students stayed overnight to plan upcoming events and to discuss the climate at BHS. The evening began with a potluck dinner, followed by icebreakers and planning sessions.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. Kate Dutcher and Ms. Kelsey Clements as award recipients for 2005. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School for Kate, Kelsey, their parents and other western Massachusetts recipients.

In April, Mrs. Megan Carr and the Symphony Band, Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, and Chorus presented an evening and afternoon of great music during the Annual Pops Concert weekend. Mrs. Kronenberg and Mrs. Abuselmi and the Front Unit performed well. In addition, there were several individual and group performances that were well received by the audience. Mrs. Bettencourt and her art students also created a beautiful art gallery that could be viewed in the cafeteria during the reception after the concert.

In May, Mrs. JoAnn Cibelli was awarded the annual Harold Grinspoon Teacher Award. This award recognizes outstanding educators who demonstrate professionalism through excellence in teaching practices, his/her own professional development, good attendance on the job, his/her demonstration of collaboration and cooperation, and educators who reach above and beyond through community outreach related to education, the classroom, and school walls, and volunteer activity. Mrs. Cibelli was certainly most deserving of this award given her outstanding work as a mathematics teacher and her efforts on behalf of the Humanities Club. Congratulations to Mrs. Cibelli and also to Ms. Martha Henneman, primary school teacher, and Mrs. Susan Hyatt, elementary school teacher, for being the recipients of this very special honor.

On Saturday, June 4th, the Class of 2005 graduated from Belchertown High School on a sunny and warm afternoon. The ceremony was held outside in the stadium with family and friends in attendance celebrating the accomplishments of this outstanding class. Mr. Michael Richard and Mr. Jason Woodcock delivered commencement addresses. Other speeches were given by Ms. Sarah Reed, president of the class, Ms. Kate Dutcher, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Kelsey Clements, salutatorian of the class. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of 2005. Over $150,000 in scholarships was awarded to our seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships was made possible through the generosity of the many groups and organizations from the community.

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2005, Belchertown High School also said goodbye to three faculty members. Mr. Bruce Brady retired from the Guidance Department after thirty-five years of service in both the Guidance and Science Departments, Mr. Charles Daniels, retired from the English Department after thirty-five years of service, and Mrs. Paula Christian retired from the Foreign Language Department after twenty-one years of service. Mr. Brady, Mr. Daniels, and Mrs. Christian were well respected by their students and colleagues. They gave so much to the Belchertown High School community and we thank them for being excellent educators who were committed to their profession.

On Thursday, September 1st, 730 students and 100 faculty and staff members filled the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium for Opening Day convocation. During the convocation ceremony, new educators and new students were recognized. New BHS educators included: Mrs. Maggie Folli, guidance counselor, Ms. Jennie Drexler, English teacher, Mr. Jonathan Hohl, science and technology teacher, and Mr. Gregory Reynolds, foreign language teacher.

On September 16th, a Spirit Assembly was held in the gymnasium. The Belchertown High School Marching Band opened the assembly with the playing of the National Anthem. Spirit and enthusiasm filled the gym. Recognition was given to several different individuals and groups during the assembly. All new faculty, staff, and students were recognized. Gregory Keefe '06 was recognized for being a Student of Character by the Springfield Republican and Channel 40. Scott Campbell '06 was recognized for his participation in Boys' Nation. The winter, spring, and fall athletic teams were recognized for their success. Friendly competitions between classes took place. Holding a Spirit Assembly so early in the school year helped to create a positive climate in the building.

In November, all fall athletes enjoyed post season play. The Boys' Soccer Team claimed its third Western Massachusetts title and competed in the Division II State Soccer Final. Christine Dzialo qualified as a State Finalist for the Girls' Cross Country team for the third consecutive year.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. The Committee continued to consist of nine members – two each from Belchertown and Palmer – and one from each of the communities of Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, and Ware. As 2005 was not a biennial state election year, all members continued to serve.

CURRICULUM

Pathfinder students have continued to make excellent progress and have demonstrated marked improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The number of students who scored in the "Advanced" and "Proficient" ranges as well as the number who attained the minimum passing score increased for the second consecutive year. These results clearly indicate the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS performance. For the third consecutive cycle, Pathfinder met the standard for "Adequate Yearly Progress "prescribed in the "No Child Left Behind" law.

Following an exceptionally successful pilot year, the after school remedial program developed under the auspices of the *High Schools That Work* initiative was continued in the 2005-06 school year. This program continued to provide a "safety net" by providing course content reinforcement/instruction for any student who was failing a major course.

The Summer Reading *Bridge* program and *Project Adventure*, initially launched in the summer of 2004, were once again offered to all incoming freshmen. Each of these programs is designed to raise expectations and standards while providing students the opportunity to make new friends and become familiar with Pathfinder prior to the opening of school.

Pathfinder continued to build on several of the efforts that were launched during the previous school year, including:

- Expansion of the mandatory portfolio requirement in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen and the continued investigation of the use of digital portfolios.
- Reinstitution of the Renaissance Program and the implementation of the trimester system for 2005-06.
- Continued on-site staff development in cooperation with Westfield State College, including *Reading Across the Curriculum* and *Writing Across the Curriculum.*
- Training in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and OSHA for students and staff as appropriate.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for upper class students; they also constitute a major portion of the school's commitment to local town departments. A sample of such efforts during the past year includes the following:

- Automotive students serviced a police cruiser for the town of Warren and participated in several benefit car washes for local benefits and national charities.
- Auto Body students provided extensive repairs to a van for the town of Palmer, a truck for the town of Granby, and a police cruiser for the town of Warren.
- Auto Reconditioning students regularly serviced vehicles for police, highway, and water departments for member towns, and they, too, participated in a number of benefit car washes.

- Building Service students constructed kitchen cabinets for a Belchertown family, worked with the Monson Food Pantry, and continued to provide custodial services to the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Carpentry students designed, constructed, and installed shelving for the Monson Food Pantry, designed and built cabinets and shelves for the Hardwick Library. Currently the students are in the midst of constructing a much-needed storage facility on the school's campus.
- Computer Assisted Design students created the drawings for the above mentioned storage facility.
- Cosmetology students provided services for the Palmer Senior Center, participated in "Spa Day" for the May Bridal Expo, and performed manicures and hair styling for the Monson Girl Scouts.
- Culinary Arts students planned for and provided meals or refreshments to many local town and civic organizations, charitable fund raisers and benefits--both in-house and on-site.
- Electrical students completed lighting, alarm, and telephone installation for the Ware Parks Department and are currently working on projects for local parks as well as the local fire department.
- Electronics students provided a variety of repair and maintenance services for community public address systems.
- Health Technology students participated in local disaster drills as well as the annual Community Health Fair hosted at the school.
- Office Business students prepared, copied, collated, packaged, and labeled materials such as town reports, school handbooks, and brochures for local towns, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Community Development Corporation.
- Machine Technology students refurbished/rebuilt the weather vane for the new Palmer Public Library.
- The Construction Cluster of programs--encompassing carpentry, electrical, and HVAC--built a house in Ware as a business/education partnership with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The school's Cooperative Education Program of alternating weeks of classes at school and paid employment began the year with a strong enrollment of seniors. Discerning employers had previously hired highly qualified students from virtually every program. Eligible junior students began their participation in late January pursuant to state and federal law.

Throughout the year, the 42 Co-op students improved upon their previously established work ethics while at the same time maintaining good academic standing. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned fair wages and acquired a wide array of technical skills. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced those skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons for dealing with change in both their personal lives and their jobs.

The ultimate compliment to the students, their parents, and to the school is the number of instances where employers elected to place co-op students on permanent status once they graduate. Similarly, the school was pleased to note that all junior co-op students returned in September with the same employers.

Pathfinder was selected by the Office of Educational Quality and Accountability for a "Tier II" audit in the spring of 2005. Following an extensive period of preparation, a team of five examiners spent two and one-half days reviewing documents, interviewing school personnel, and meeting with community leaders. Their focus was on the period 2001-2004 with particular emphasis on student performance on MCAS tests, and they composed a draft report with their observations and conclusions late in the fall of 2005. The administration responded to that report, and the Educational Management Audit Council is scheduled to vote on its disposition at their February meeting.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment totaled 668 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 76; Granby 28; Hardwick 24; Monson 96; New Braintree 8; Palmer 185; and Ware 122. The remaining 129 students were residents of out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office - which also serves as the Admissions Office - received 330 applications for September admissions. Of the applications received, 284 represented applicants for the 175 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Pathfinder

Parents or students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. Our spring Open House evening featured a free spaghetti dinner and a tour of the facility, including a stop in each vocational area. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process. Each winter a representative from Pathfinder's Guidance Department visits the schools of our member towns to offer a presentation to the 8th graders about Pathfinder's offerings and how to apply. Students who are interested will then have the opportunity to attend a field trip to Pathfinder to get a first-hand look at our vocational programs and facilities and to interact with current students. This visit also gives them a taste of a typical day at the school. In addition, the summer Youth Enrichment Program and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for middle school students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting underclass students as guests who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program was recently reinstated and has been well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end of the year drawing for prizes like televisions and video game systems. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts as well as generous donations from local businesses.

At the Nineteenth Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association, South Hadley resident Talia Coughlin represented Pathfinder. Talia was a member of the National Technical Honor Society, the Pioneer Valley Culinary Associates Junior Chapter & the American Culinary Federation (PVCA & ACF), the cheerleading team, drama club, and was a silver medal winner for Skills USA. She received the Highest Academic Achievement award for her senior year, the Toque Blanche Award for Excellence in Culinary Arts, as well as numerous academic awards. She also received the Presidential Certificate of Merit from the Massachusetts Vocational Association and applied for the Massachusetts Department of Education's Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program. Talia graduated as salutatorian of the Class of 2005 with a 3.968 cumulative grade point average. She is currently studying forensic science at Bay Path College and was selected as a Presidential Scholar there.

Shannon McIntyre of Warren was a 2005 Worcester *Telegram & Gazette* Student Achievers Award winner. In addition, she was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators/Massachusetts Vocational Association's Walter J. Markham Award. Shannon was a member of the National Technical Honor Society, the cheerleading squad, Student Council, and a gold medal winner for Skills USA. She received a number of academic awards, participated in Pathfinder's Cooperative Education program, and was the recipient of the "Golden Shears Award" for cosmetology. Shannon earned a cumulative grade point average of 3.80 and is attending American International College for business.

In June 2005, the graduating class of 108 students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 75% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, while another 5% had made commitments to serve in the military. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Additionally, two students successfully participated in the Early College program offered through the local community colleges.

Approximately $40,000 in scholarships was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2005. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration, and particularly the graduates are grateful for this support. We are all especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Assistant Director Gary Roszkiewicz reported another productive year by Pathfinder's Student Council which included several community involvement efforts. Early in the year they assisted in the annual Red Cross Blood Drive that resulted in the collection of more than 90 pints. The senior members of the Council collected $100 for the Susan Komen Breast Cancer Research Fund. Always a highlight of the year, the annual Thanksgiving Food Drive resulted in 51 baskets being delivered to the Valley Human Services for local families in need.

Council members continued to be active in the school's recruitment efforts by providing tours and information to groups of potential students. Two members have been elected to the State Student Advisory Council, a group that addresses problems and issues facing Massachusetts' high schools and discusses possible solutions.

Pathfinder's athletic program once again experienced a highly successful year. Over 200 students participated in various interscholastic programs, and the potential among incoming freshmen is encouraging. There has been a marked increase in participation in girls' soccer and basketball.

Highlights of the year included the following:

- The varsity baseball team qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament. Pitcher Jeff Ramondetta was named to the Springfield *Republican's* All Scholastic 1st Team for the second consecutive year.
- The varsity football team finished the season tied for second place in the Tri County League with a 6-2 record. Seven players were named to the league's All Star Team.
- Senior Corey Day was selected to play in the Western Mass Senior All Star soccer game.
- Jeff Ramondetta and Kara Korzeniowski were named as Outstanding Senior Athletes in the Class of 2005.
- A new gymnasium floor was installed, replacing the original floor that dated back to 1973.
- The Pathfinder Athletic Booster Club was formed and met with immediate success within the school and community. Through their efforts, the school has been able to reward student athletes with a banquet and a suitable recognition program at a local hall.
- Under the direction of Paul Danielovich, Pathfinder has instituted a new Wrestling Club whose participants aspire to varsity status in the next few years.

SPECIAL SERVICES

During 2005, the Special Education Department continued to recognize its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department is committed to providing a range of supportive services to maximize student learning.

The Special Education Department strives to address the diverse needs of all learners in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Through integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency.

Staff members conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews, and diagnostic reviews for 57 students in the MVIP Program and 142 students in grades 9-12. Approximately 25 additional re-evaluations were completed.

The Department currently includes 15 professionally licensed teachers, 7 paraprofessionals, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

Pathfinder continued to provide resource room instruction for all major courses offered in grades 9-12. Beginning with grade 9, math and English are offered in the resource room, but the content areas of history and science remain in the mainstream, consistent with an inclusion model approach. The required history and science courses are aligned with the Curriculum Frameworks. Math courses in the resource room featured an integrated approach to algebra and geometry in preparation for the MCAS tests. Resource English included a variety of novels, short stories, and vocabulary exercises—all in preparation for the MCAS. Math, reading, and language arts instruction were supplemented by Title I instruction.

The MVIP Program continued to operate above full capacity with 57 students. All six shops offer instruction closely coordinated with Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program included:

- **Office Business**: Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services**: Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of some hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture**: Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning**: Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they provide this service to the public.
- **Food Services**: Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations**: Students learn to maintain the patients' environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a *support* role in the aligned program area. At graduation exercises in June, 8 MVIP students received their certificates.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Fund code(s)	Program Name	Allocation
140	**Improving Educator Quality** This program provided additional staffing to improve student teacher ratios	27,032.00
160	**Enhanced Education Through Technology** These funds were earmarked for purchasing another Kurzweiler (a device that reads material aloud to assist disabled students) for the new *Integrated All Aspects of the Trade* course offering.	2,186.00
170-A	**Technology Enhancing Education** The second year of this two year competitive grant went to strengthening the *High Schools That Work* initiative-- providing that all 9th graders take algebra and all 10th graders take geometry-- purchasing math software, and training. Additionally a full time Math Mentor was hired to help the related teachers who are now charged with addressing instructional gaps for our students. Funds were also used to purchase 12 computers to create a staff training lab in Pathfinder's library	100,000.00
240	**SPED 94 – 142 / Program Improvement** These monies were used to fund a full-time Language Specialist and full-time Math Language Specialist. Additionally, an aide and a half time monitor were paid through these funds. Funds were also used to assist all building aides to meet or exceed NCLB qualifications.	208,416.00
242	**ALT-EV Assessment** This small grant enabled the school to purchase digital equipment and train special education staff in alternative assessment.	1,200.00
274	**SPED Improvement** These funds were utilized to send several SPED teachers to training in *New Trends in Assistive Technology.*	5,000.00
302	**Innovative Programs Title 5** This money went to update the EBSCO databases in the school library.	3,766.00
305	**Title I** Title I funds were used to support a full time language specialist and a full time math specialist to work with the most disadvantaged students in Reading and Math.	90,489.00
331	**Safe and Drug Free Schools** This money was used to recertify Pathfinder's Crisis Prevention instructor.	3,035.00
400	**Perkins Act Allocation Funds** These funds were earmarked for staff training in *Writing across the Curriculum*; OSHA training; a Math Remediation Specialist to work with related teachers; materials as well as numerous high cost shop purchases. Additionally, a portion of this money was used to cover start up costs for the evolving pre-engineering program.	81,701.00
413	**Perkins State Leadership** This fourth installment of funding was assigned to *High Schools That Work* assessments, conferences, and training.	20,000.00
625/632	**Academic Support** Academic Support monies went to hiring English and Math teachers to work with at risk students on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 10th graders preparing for their MCAS and a summer program for 9th graders who failed their 8th grade MCAS.	16,500.00
592	**Competitive Academic Support** Pathfinder combined these funds with its Workforce Investment Act grant to create a unique MCAS remediation summer work experience for qualified students.	21,000.00
7948	**Workforce Investment Act- Title I Youth Program** These funds were used to fund a year- round coordinator, an intensive 5 week work/educational summer program for 26 at risk participants, and to provide year-round counseling and monitoring. Additionally, it provided incentives for all participants to do well in school during the school year.	46,707.00
	Total Grants and Contracts	$627,032.00

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The School Committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities that took place during the year.

The summer Youth Enrichment Program served 142 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for four one-week sessions during the month of July. The first session consisted of four days and the following three sessions lasted for five days each. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Carpentry, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Automotive, Environmental Explorers, Photoshop Fun, and RoboAdventures I and II. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning, sports and/or games after lunch, and an hour of free swim in the Palmer High School pool.

The spring and fall Afternoon Enrichment Programs served 118 students. This program met for one day per week for two hours. Each student spent eight weeks in his or her chosen specialty area selected from the following: Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Roboadventures, and Biodomes—the study of habitats, ecosystems, and other topics in a science-based curriculum.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board under the Workforce Investment Act. A total of 26 participants took advantage of this program of part-time employment, including job counseling, academic support, and intensive follow-up by grant-supported staff.

The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. Expanding the program through Fridays for the same $150 fee increased the hours of attendance to 38 and enabled the program to remain competitive with other summer programs in the area. Thirteen academic courses were offered for students in grades 8-12.

Additionally, a vocational summer school program was offered during the last week of June. This program included two offerings: Related Theory and a shop hour workshop. The combined summer school enrollment included 116 students from 10 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The 2005-06 staff numbers remained essentially unchanged from the previous school year. However, retirements, resignations, military leave, and internal promotions accounted for significant staff movement. Of particular note was the retirement of Assistant Superintendent David Andersen who was replaced by Guidance Director Mark Condon. Pathfinder graduate and Guidance Counselor Brenda Turner was promoted to Director of Guidance. With the departure of Michael Buoniconti to become the superintendent of a neighboring district, Sandra Adams became the new Technology Director. In December, the school celebrated Science Instructor Jack O'Donnell's safe return from Iraq. At year's end, however, the community was saddened by the untimely death of long-time Horticulture Instructor Robert Dowler.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. At the annual meeting in November, he was presented with a Captain's Chair in recognition of his term as Chairman of the Board of Directors, a position he previously held in 1984. He also completed his final term as Chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee for the Mass. Association of School Superintendents. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he was re-elected to another term as a Region I Director for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

Due to a significant increase in in-district enrollment, Pathfinder received $3,310,654 in Chapter 70 monies, $748,744 greater than the previous fiscal year. That welcome news enabled the School Committee to adopt a budget that was favorable to a majority of the member towns. The FY06 budget that was ultimately approved by all of the seven member communities was $10,249,226. State aid and other reductions totaling $6,075,456 resulted in an assessment of $4,173,770 to be divided among the member towns according to the regional school budget law and the regional agreement.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS (2005-2006)

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRI-BUTION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	ADDITIONAL CONTRIBU-TION	SHARE OF REGULAR CAPITAL	1st YR OF 5 YR CAPITAL PLAN	TRANSPOR-TATION	CAPITAL ASSESS-MENT	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	592,356	35,353	115,957	8,595	33,490	12,530	3,511	801,792
GRANBY	303,272	26,515	38,652	2,865	13,902	4,177	1,458	390,841
HARDWICK	98,153	8,838	41,745	3,094	6,623	4,511	694	163,658
MONSON	519,396	70,705	151,518	11,231	20,367	16,372	2,135	791,724
N. BRAINTREE	45,907	0	9,277	688	2,386	1,002	250	59,510
PALMER	650,246	53,029	242,737	17,992	28,462	26,229	2,984	1,021,679
WARE	576,603	141,411	173,163	12,835	19,770	18,711	2,073	944,566
TOTAL	2,785,933	335,851	773,049	57,300	125,000	83,532	13,105	4,173,770

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The Committee continues to be encouraged by signs that the town of Warren has shown interest in re-joining the District. Discussions continued throughout 2005, and the Committee hopes that the effort will come to a successful conclusion during town meetings in the spring of 2006.
The conclusion of the 2005 year brought continued signs that, despite some signs of economic recovery, budgets for the current year and in the near future will be significantly impacted by the state of the economy, rising costs of health insurance, and energy costs impacted by hurricane damage during the year. The Committee therefore looks forward to next year with the caution to which it has become accustomed. It is, however, committed to providing the best educational opportunities for workforce development within the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael O'Connor, Belchertown
Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby
Robert J. Dupuis, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
George Castonguay, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This year has been very busy for the Committee in various areas, but especially in the preparation of the upcoming contract renewal negotiations with Charter Communications.

Membership:

Numerous changes occurred in the makeup of the Committee. Presently, members are:

Lew Louraine
James Burke
Christofer deHahn
Kristopher Pacunas
Ron Aponte
Frank Lomanno

A word of thanks to outgoing members, Nick O'Connor, Darrell Weldon and Ron Akins for their service on this Committee, while welcoming Kristopher Pacunas and Ron Aponte. The membership now stands at six, with the possible seventh member being added shortly. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included:

Frank Lomanno – Chair
Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations
Christofer deHahn – Secretary

The liaison member between the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen also changed during the year, with the selection of Gerry Grasso succeeding Jim Barry.

I also want to give individual recognition to Lew Louraine for heading up the sub-committee on the contract renewal process. He has put in many hours in this task and without his work, the progress would not be as far along as it is.

Meetings:

Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street. Early in October, it was decided to meet twice a week, in order to finalize the first draft of the Charter Renewal Contract. During this process, we met the first and third of every month. In January 2006, we will return to once a month meetings.

Email Address:

Our Committee's Town email address (telecom@belchertown.org) serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Charter Contract Renewal:

As mention in the last annual report, Charter Communication's cable television license with the Town of Belchertown will expire on July 1, 2007. As the advisory group to the Selectmen, we have created a sub-Committee to address the renewal process. Lew Louraine is in charge of this task and has started the development of contract negotiations and the required documentation. The timeline for the renewal process is as follows:

- Feb 2006 - Send draft license to Epstein for comment
- Apr 2006 - Send draft license to Selectmen for comment
- Sep 2006 - Receive comments from Selectmen
- Oct 2006 - Start the formal 120 day negotiating period
- Feb 2007 - Receive comments from Charter
- Mar 2007 - Final license negotiations with Charter
- Jul 2007 - Signed license for the Town

In addition to inviting Brian Merrick (July 2004) from the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunication and Energy, Belchertown Community Television (BCTV) has hired Peter Epstein, from the Boston based law firm to advise us on the upcoming contract. On March 15, 2005, Lew had a meeting in Boston to discuss the initial letter of inquiry the committee sent to Mr. Epstein. Included below, in an email to the committee from Lew, are Mr. Epstein's comments to this letter.

In February 2005, the Committee issued a letter (see below) to All Town Departments to notify them about the renewal procedure and to ask their input as part of this process. This was followed up by a inviting the Town departments, who responded to our meeting.

On June 8, 2005, members of the committee met with seniors at the Senior Center to discuss concerns related to senior discounts and different tier pricing structures.

We are in the final stages of completing our first draft of the contract, and at that time, we will send Mr. Epstein a copy for comment.

Other:

During the Town Fair, our Committee set up a booth to hand out informational and survey sheets (see below). This was preceded by a letter to the editor to the local newspapers (Gazette, Sunday Republican and Sentinel) publicizing the announcement of our upcoming contact negotiations and our presence at the Fair.

Our Committee was asked by the Board of Selectmen to prepare a policy concerning live broadcasts by BCTV of special events, requiring particular wiring requirements and time commitments by of BCTV. We are working on providing this draft policy with the BCTV staff.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations and well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:

Massachusetts Department of
Telecommunications & Energy
Consumer Division
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: (617) 305-3531 or 1-800-392-6066
Email: Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

Respectfully Submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chairman
Telecommunications Advisory Committee

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

A thank you to all our citizens of Belchertown, especially those who voted 100% to change our Veterans Department to a full-time position. Our town population has reached 14,600 and our office continues to grow and service any eligible veteran or their dependants.

Please contact the Veterans' Agent, Robert C. Messier, if you have any questions.

Submitted by,

Robert C. Messier
Director of Veteran Services

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

For the year 2005, all of Belchertown's veterans' graves we re-flagged the week prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for their assistance.

All eight of Belchertown's cemeteries have veterans in them and are updated in our database.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veterans' Graves Officer
Kathleen Wood, Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The Committee has been very active this year and has accomplished many things. With the restoration of the Civil War Solider Monument in the fall of 2004, the Committee held the Rededication ceremony, which took place on July 9, 2005, in conjunction with the Stone House's Civil War Days. The Committee also oversaw the addition of new names to the WW2 monument.

Edward T. Knight, Chairman
War Memorial Committee

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held January 18, 2005 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium FY05

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:34PM
Registered voters present - 202 (Quorum required 75)

Article 1 Voted to transfer from the Senior Center Wage Account the sum of $4,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing a software package designed to increase efficiency, consolidate current software and streamline the processing of required reports and billing processes at the Senior Center. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $3,657.60 for the payment of the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

• Sewer Department, Stadler Ace Hardware	$355.24
• Clapp Memorial Library, Audio Adventures, LLC	$755.50
• EMS, Merriam-Graves Corp.	$20.75
• Computing, Stadler Ace Hardware	$7.49
• Computing, Verizon Wireless	$209.46
• Computing, Staples	$43.90
• Town Clerk, Lexis Nexis	$186.55
• Police Department, Chief Fran Fox reimbursement	$50.00
• Police Department, Turley Publications	$72.00
• Unclassified, Savin Corp.	$87.00
• Bell and Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc.	$1,452.52
• Clapp Memorial Library, Baker & Taylor	$376.19
• Family Center, Bondsville Fire & Water District	$41.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote - 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted not to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, in the manner printed in Article 3 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant. (Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0)

(Vote – 2/3 required – 98 Yes; 77 No – Did not pass)

Article 4 Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, to change the zoning of land at the end of Center Street, west of Main Street, from its current zone of B1, Limited Business, to VR, Village Residential; such area shown on a plan prepared for Commons Group, LLC (owners), by Sherman and Woods, dated 12/2/04, with the land presently owned by the Commons Group, LLC.

(Endorsed by Planning Board 5-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Carried by Voice Vote Unanimous Yes)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3 C, 5/12/1997)

Article 5 Voted to approve a Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) Agreement for MJK Group, LLC, Bridge Street, Belchertown, further identified as Assessors Map 243, Lot 178.06 and Lot 178, and designate their expansion at that location a "certified project".

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 6 Voted to change the Town Moderator's term from one year to three years.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $18,523.00 to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $300,536.00 for Chapter 90 project, Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2002. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to take no action on the Citizen Petition to restructure the Council on Aging in the manner printed in Article 9 of this Special Town Meeting Warrant.

(Vote – Majority Yes To Take No Action)

Article 10 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the property described below by purchase, gift or otherwise and to authorize the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to accept the deed of a fee simple interest or lesser interest to the Town of Belchertown of the parcel of land described below, now or formerly owned by Trexlar Topping, individually and as the Trustee of the Estate of John C. Topping, recorded in the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds Books 1163 and 1510, Pages 323 and 195, Probate Docket No. 94P0066E1, upon such terms and conditions as the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, and that said parcel be conveyed to the Town under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended and other Massachusetts Statutes relating to conservation to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Belchertown, that (ii) the sum of $385,000.00 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of acquiring the aforesaid property and for all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3), of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, that (iii) the Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the Town, any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the United States under the Self-Help Act (Chapter 132A, Section 11) and/or any other state and/or federal programs including those in aid of conservation land acquisition and to receive and accept such grants or reimbursement for this purpose, and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article, and that (iv) the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission are hereby authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effect said purchase. Said parcel of land is described as follows:

The parcels of land situated on the westerly side of Warren Wright Road, Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts and situated on the southern side of Orchard Street, Belchertown, Hampshire County, Massachusetts, and shown as Maps 217 and 228, Parcels #68.00 and #83.00 on the Town of Belchertown's Assessors Maps dated January 1, 2004, and further described in deeds recorded with said deeds: Book 1163, Page 323 and Book 1510, Page 195, containing a total of approximately 51.5 acres.

(Endorsed by Finance 5-0-0)
(Vote 2/3 required – 2/3 Voice Vote Yes)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3 C, 5/12/1997)

Article 11 Voted to adopt Chapter 80, Section 13B, and under Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, set the maximum qualify gross receipts amount at $40,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to establish a Berkshire Building Account for the upkeep and maintenance of the former Berkshire School Building, and further appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $9,000.00 to this account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0)

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 13 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate said sale of the Berkshire Building and further authorize the Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this sale.

(Vote - Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,850.00 to the Civil War Monument Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $22,000.00 to the Treasurer-Collector Expense Account for land court proceedings. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to transfer from the Board of Selectmen's Salary and Wage Reserve Account the sum of $614.00 to the Police Salary Account and the sum of $6,150.00 to the Police Wage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to transfer from the Board of Selectmen's Salary and Wage Reserve Account the sum of $5,047.00 to the Maintenance Wage Account, Highway Wage Account, Sewer Wage Account and the Landfill Wage Account as follows:

Maintenance Department Wage	$1,408.00
Highway Department Wage	$2,783.00
Sewer Department Wage	$592.00
Transfer Station Wage	$264.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner : (such amendment shall be retroactive to July 1, 2004.)

Under Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

➢ **Remove** 1) Management/Professional in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

1) MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE OR PROFESSIONAL EXEMPT

Director of Public Works	$54,647 - $65,576
Fire Chief	$54,647 - $65,576
Director of Computing	$51,994 - $65,576
Library Director	$49,183 - $60,112
Town Planner	$49,183 - $60,112
Police Lieutenant	$48,443 - $60,553
Conservation Administrator	$43,718 - $54,647
Town Treasurer-Collector	$43,718 - $54,647
Building Inspector	$43,718 - $54,647
Director of Assessments	$43,718 - $54,647
Town Accountant	$43,718 - $54,647
Senior Center Director	$38,254 - $49,183
Recreation Director	$38,254 - $49,183

And in Section 3) amend the Part-Time Annual Salary Schedule as follows:

- Veterans' Agent: delete $12,600.00; insert $12,726.00
- Animal Inspector: delete $1,200.00; insert $1,212.00
- Dog Officer: delete $1,200.00; insert $1,212.00
- Assistant Dog Officer: delete $600.00; insert $606.00

Under Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

➢ **Remove** compensation chart and **Replace** with the following compensation chart:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$7.88	$8.20	$8.52	$8.86	$9.22	$9.60	$9.97	$10.36	$10.80	$11.22
2	$9.45	$9.84	$10.23	$10.64	$11.05	$11.51	$11.97	$12.43	$12.96	$13.46
3	$10.40	$10.83	$11.25	$11.70	$12.16	$12.67	$13.16	$13.70	$14.24	$14.81
4	$11.42	$11.91	$12.37	$12.86	$13.39	$13.92	$14.48	$15.06	$15.66	$16.29
5	$12.59	$13.09	$13.59	$14.17	$14.73	$15.31	$15.93	$16.55	$17.22	$17.92
6	$13.85	$14.40	$14.97	$15.56	$16.19	$16.85	$17.52	$18.22	$18.95	$19.71
7	$15.24	$15.84	$16.47	$17.13	$17.82	$18.52	$19.26	$20.04	$20.84	$21.66
8	$15.99	$16.62	$17.29	$17.99	$18.71	$19.45	$20.23	$21.04	$21.88	$22.76
9	$16.79	$17.46	$18.15	$18.89	$19.64	$20.43	$21.24	$22.10	$22.98	$23.91
10	$17.62	$18.34	$19.07	$19.84	$20.62	$21.45	$22.30	$23.21	$24.12	$25.10

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted to appropriate from the Board of Selectmen's Salary & Wage Reserve Account the sum of $41,782.00 to the following accounts:

Town Administrator Salary	$1,808.00
Town Administrator Wage	$680.00
Town Accountant Salary	$1,557.00
Town Accountant Wage	$1,235.00
Computing Salary	$1,879.00
Computing Wage	$820.00
Board of Assessors' Salary	$1,541.00
Board of Assessors' Wage	$1,450.00
Town Clerk Salary	$1,392.00
Town Clerk Wage	$352.00
Treasurer-Collector Salary	$1,557.00
Treasurer- Collector Wage	$1,115.00
Conservation Commission Salary	$1,527.00
Conservation Commission Wage	$90.00
Planning Board Salary	$1,582.00
Planning Board Wage	$200.00
Maintenance Department Wage	$1,002.00
Police Department Salary	$3,099.00
Police Department Wage	$310.00
Fire Department Salary	$1,642.00
Fire Department Wage	$650.00
EMS Wage	$2,850.00
Inspection Services Salary	$1,532.00
Inspection Services Wage	$200.00

Highway Department Salary	$1,642.00
Highway Department Wage	$1,372.00
Council on Aging Salary	$1,483.00
Veterans' Agent Salary	$126.00
Library Salary	$1,587.00
Library Wage	$870.00
Recreation Salary	$2,488.00
Recreation Wage	$615.00
Teen Center Wage	$255.00
Sewer Department Wage	$898.00
Transfer Station Wage	$376.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $24,340.00 and from the Board of Selectmen's Salary & Wage Reserve Account $8,942.00 to the following accounts to restore Personnel By-Law employees' hours to the level that existed on June 30, 2004, effective January 20, 2005:

Town Administrator Wage	$2,062.00
Town Accountant Wage	$1,970.00
Computing Wage	$2,444.00
Board of Assessors' Wage	$4,315.00
Town Clerk Wage	$1,075.00
Treasurer-Collector Wage	$3,276.00
Planning Board Wage	$832.00
Fire Department Wage	$880.00
Inspection Services Wage	$658.00
Highway Department Wage	$1,132.00
Council on Aging Wage	$5,520.00
Library Wage	$5,061.00
Recreation Wage	$3,335.00
Teen Center Wage	$722.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner:

Under Section 6. Employee Benefits: 1) Eligibility: A:

Add the following new paragraph:

Benefit pay for full-time employees shall be prorated based on the average number of regularly scheduled hours worked in a week by the individual employee.

And in Section B):

Delete "greater than twenty (20) hours" and replace it with "twenty (20) or greater hours".
(Vote – Majority required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $143, 099.00 to the School Department. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $29,000.00 to purchase a new police cruiser. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $3,195.00 to the Police Department Expense Account for the purchase of firearms. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 25 Voted to rescind $14,500.00 of the authorization to borrow for Lawrence Memorial Hall roof replacement voted on December 2, 2003, and to appropriate the sum of $14,500.00 and authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer to borrow $14,500.00 for the replacement of the air conditioning system at Lawrence Memorial Hall. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $350,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 9:27PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 9, 2005 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium FY05

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:10PM
Registered voters present 562 (Quorum requires 75)

Article 1 Voted to appropriate the sum of $363,233.00 for Chapter 90 project, Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer from the Workers Compensation Account the sum of $4,350.00 to the Veterans' Benefit Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to transfer from the free cash in the treasury the sum of $79,364.00 and from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of $120,636.00, for a total appropriation of $200,000.00 to the Snow and Ice Control Account.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to transfer the sum of $15,000.00 from the Interest Expense Account to the Law Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer the sum of $1,000.00 from the Interest Expense Account to the Treasurer's Salary Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to transfer the sum of $300.00 from the Unclassified Account to the Hydrant Service Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to transfer the sum of $3,500.00 from the Interest Expense Account to the Medicare – Town Share Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Debt Account the sum of $20,250.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of $20,500.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to transfer from the Maintenance Department Expense Account the sum of $2,500.00, and from the Streets/Construction Maintenance Account the sum of $5,000.00, and from the Highway Hired Services Account the sum of $3,500.00, and from the Injured on Duty Account the sum of $6,500.00, and from the Unemployment Account the sum of $5,000.00, for a total appropriation of $22,500.00 to the Road Machinery Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to transfer from the Finnerty House Account the sum of $1,000.00, and from the Town Common Account the sum of $1,000.00, and from the Highway Uniform Account the sum of $1,000.00, and from the Printing Annual Reports Account the sum of $800.00, for a total appropriation of $3,800.00 to the Senior Center Building Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 from available funds in the treasury to the Fire Station Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to transfer the sum of $200.00 from the Printing Annual Report Account to the Fire Station Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to transfer the sum of $2,500.00 from the Interest Expense Account to the Health Insurance – Town Share Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to transfer the sum of $7,970.00 from the Council on Aging Wage Account in following prescribed manner: $5,977.00 to the Council on Aging Expense Account and $1,993.00 to the Senior Center Building Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted to accept the deed in lieu of foreclosure on a parcel of land located on Federal Street, as shown on Assessors Map 103, Lot 23, and assessed to Fairview Construction Co., Inc. c/o Shirley Rege, as authorized under MGL. Chapter 60, Section 77C.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted to transfer from free cash in the treasury the sum of $19,410.00 to the School Department #4000 Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to appropriate the sum of $135,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring by purchase, including the related expense thereof, gift, eminent domain or any other lawful means, property located at Lot 6, Jensen Road, Belchertown, as identified on a plan prepared for Thomas and Patricia Fuller by Sherman and Woods Surveyors on March 18, 2005, and further identified as Map 249, a portion of Parcel 24, and in a deed recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds Book 2778, Page 298, now or formerly owned by Thomas and Patricia Fuller; that to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3), of the General Laws, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to negotiate said purchase and to accept a deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown of a fee simple interest or less in said parcel, upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen shall determine to be appropriate, for municipal purposes; that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to submit, on behalf of the Town, any and all applications deemed necessary for any grants and/or reimbursements and to receive and accept any such grants or reimbursements for the purpose and/or any others in any way connected with the scope of this Article; that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition; and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore.

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:35PM.

Attest:
William R Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 9, 2005 at the Belchertown High School Gymnasium FY06

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:38PM
Registered voters present - 562 (Quorum requires 75)

The Clerk read the Warrant

Belchertown Eagle Scouts Jonathan Garete, Matthew Fortunato and Andrew McGrath led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Mrs. Dorothy Maloney.

Selectmen Ronald Aponte presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Ms. Gloria Fortunato.

A special presentation was made by Barbara Schaffer Bacon, School Committee Chairman, to Richard White in appreciation of his twelve years of service on the School Committee.

Selectman Linda Barron presented the Employee of the Year Award to Mrs. Ann Pittsley.

Selectman Michael Reardon presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Ms. Janice McCullough.

Article 1 Voted to re-elect Linda E. Barron and Suzanne M. Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Ann Austin Pratt as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

A motion was made by Mr. Joe Kellogg to consider Article 24 following Article 10 and was passed by a Majority Vote.

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote –Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to approve the preliminary design for the Clapp Memorial Library Renovation and Expansion Project as prepared by J. Stewart Roberts, Architect, on August 19, 2002, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, on behalf of the Clapp Memorial Library, to apply for, accept and expend any state grants which may be available for the Clapp Memorial Library Renovation and Expansion Building Project.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 4 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➢ Assessors	$9.29
➢ Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 5 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation Program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Transportation Program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior Center; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of Council on Aging Programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from these programs and shall be under the control of the Council on Aging; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of procurement of firefighters' protective clothing and equipment purchase and maintenance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the open air burning permit fees, and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted *to take no action* to withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments, the effective date of said withdrawal to be July 1, 2006, and to acknowledge, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the Legislative, Charter & Code Committee of the Hampshire Council of Governments, that all obligations of the Town of Belchertown to the Hampshire Council of Governments will be met up until said effective date, and that the

Town of Belchertown's allocable share of the fiscal obligations of said Council will remain a responsibility of the Town.

(Vote – Take No Action – Unanimous)

Article 24 CITIZEN PETITION: Voted to change the position of Veterans Agent from a part-time position to a full-time position in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 115, Section 3, as amended June 20, 1972) and to fully fund this position by the transfer of monies from the general fund or free money account by the end of Fiscal Year 2006; and to instruct the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee made up of veterans to review the job description of the Veterans Agent, personnel, and operation of the Veterans Department to make recommendations for change to better service our veterans and the families of our men and women still serving. If deemed necessary by this committee, changes must be made immediately after the submission of their recommendations. (Finance Committee has not voted on this Article)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

A motion was made by Madeline Casey to hear Article 19 next and passed by a Majority Vote Yes.

Article 19 CITIZEN PETITION: Voted not to pass a Resolution of the Town of Belchertown concerning the Massachusetts National Guard and the War in Iraq as printed in Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

(Vote – Majority No)

Article 11 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing a concession at the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Town Beach Concession, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $5,000.00. (Endorsed by the Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of operating the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited with receipts for daily and seasonal entrance fees, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $16,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of operating the Teen Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from program fees, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of pool programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from such programs, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $75,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of witnessing and documenting percolation tests, which fund shall be credited with receipts from such tests, and shall be under the control of the Board of Health; such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, authorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of establishing a Police Department Technology Fund, which fund shall be credited from the receipts of Firearms License and FID card fees by the Police Department, and shall be under the control of the Police Chief or his designee; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of transportation of pupils in grades 7 through 12 for school attendance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from said transportation, and shall be under the control of the School Committee; such expenditures not to exceed $150,000.00. (endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner, effective July 1, 2005.

Under Section 6, Employee Benefits – 4) Holidays:
Add the following:

- the day after Thanksgiving
- a floating holiday

Under Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

➢ **Remove** 1) Management/Professional in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

1) MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATIVE OR PROFESSIONAL EXEMPT

• Director of Public Works	$55,877 - $67,051
• Fire Chief	$55,877 - $67,051
• Director of Computing	$53,164 - $67,051
• Library Director	$50,290 - $61,465
• Town Planner	$50,290 - $61,465
• Police Lieutenant	$49,533 - $61,915
• Conservation Administrator	$44,702 - $55,877

• Town Treasurer-Collector	$44,702 - $55,877
• Building Inspector	$44,702 - $55,877
• Director of Assessments	$44,702 - $55,877
• Town Accountant	$44,702 - $55,877
• Senior Center Director	$39,115 - $50,290
• Recreation Director	$39,115 - $50,290

➤ **Change** in 2) CLASSIFIED NON-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES:

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II **from** Grade 7 **to** Grade 8

➤ **Change** in 3) PART-TIME EMPLOYEES, ANNUAL SALARY SCHEDULE:

• Veterans Agent	$13,012
• Animal Inspector	$1,239
• Dog Officer	$4,800 plus $25 per call
• Assistant Dog Officer	$1,800 plus $25 per call

Under APPENDIX B: WEEKLY SALARY SCHEDULE FOR CLASSFIED EMPLOYEES:

➤ **Remove** compensation chart and **Replace** with the following chart:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	8.06	8.38	8.71	9.06	9.43	9.82	10.19	10.59	11.04	11.47
2	9.66	10.06	10.46	10.88	11.30	11.77	12.24	12.71	13.25	13.76
3	10.63	11.07	11.50	11.96	12.43	12.96	13.46	14.01	14.56	15.14
4	11.68	12.18	12.65	13.15	13.69	14.23	14.81	15.40	16.01	16.66
5	12.87	13.38	13.90	14.49	15.06	15.65	16.29	16.92	17.61	18.32
6	14.16	14.72	15.31	15.91	16.55	17.23	17.91	18.63	19.38	20.15
7	15.58	16.20	16.84	17.52	18.22	18.94	19.69	20.49	21.31	22.15
8	16.35	16.99	17.68	18.39	19.13	19.89	20.69	21.51	22.37	23.27
9	17.17	17.85	18.56	19.32	20.08	20.89	21.72	22.60	23.50	24.45
10	18.02	18.75	19.50	20.29	21.08	21.93	22.80	23.73	24.66	25.66

The Finance Committee had taken no action, they reported that they relied on the Personnel Board to give their recommendation.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

rticle 20 Voted not to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, by changing the Zoning designation of a parcel of land identified on the Town Assessors' map as Map 243, Lot 178 from LI, Light Industrial, Ag-A, Primary Agricultural, and B1, Limited Business to VR, Village Residential as further described in Article 20 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (Endorsed by Planning Board at their 4/26/05 meeting 4-1 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Yes 202, No 209 – Did Not Pass)

rticle 21 CITIZEN PETITION: Voted not to amend Belchertown's Zoning ByLaw, as previously amended, by adding Responsible Growth Zoning ByLaw as printed in Article 21 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (Planning Board voted 3-1 not to recommend passage)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Yes 155, No 234 – Did Not Pass)

Article 22 Voted to accept the following ways within the Town of Belchertown: Prescott Hill, Howe Street, Cadwell Lane, Cobb Lane, Atherton Lane, and portions of Clark Street and Greenwich Hill as shown on an "As Built" known as "Dana Woods Subdivision, Phase 3A, 3B, 3C, 4A, 4B, and provided by Harold L. Eaton and Associates, Inc., 11/26/01 and recorded with the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds in Northampton, Plan Book 202, Pages 18, 19, 20, 9/9/04 and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire any necessary easements in connection therewith.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

Article 23 Voted to approve a ten (10) year contract with Recycle America Alliance and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the Town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Recycling Facility. The contract, the Springfield Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement, begins on April 1, 2005 and under its provisions the Town will received $15.67 per ton of recyclables plus a share of the revenue generated from the sale of recyclable materials.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

A motion was made by David Reed, Finance Committee, to defer Articles 25-28 to June 20, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. after the expected state aid is announced. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

At 10:10PM the meeting recessed to reconvene at 7:30PM, Monday, June 20, 2005 in the Belchertown High School.

The recessed Annual Town Meeting of May 9th continued on Monday, June 20, 2005, in the auditorium of the Belchertown High School at 7:55PM. The continuance of the meeting was originally scheduled to begin at 7:30PM, but the quorum of 75 voters was fourteen shy at that hour. After a number of telephone calls, the quorum was finally reached ending in the total voters in attendance being some 96. Selectman Michael Reardon addressed the gathering explaining that Chairman Grasso was not present because he is on active duty with the Air Force. He also asked those in attendance to give a round of applause to retiring selectman, Ronald Aponte.

Article 25 Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report *as amended in the June 20, 2005 addendum* be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town.

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,284,433.00 and appropriate the sum of $84,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund, and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $3,500.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,371,933.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,958,547.00 and appropriate the sum of $350,00.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $2,308,547.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $19,629,522.00 and appropriate the sum of $216,000.00 from the Stabilization Fund for a total appropriation of $19,845,522.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $801,792.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $925,210.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $171,454.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $60,246.00 for a total appropriation of $231,700.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $226,448.00 appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $31,635.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,033,042.00 for a total appropriation of $1,291,125.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting.
(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $476,666.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $582,774.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $529,748.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,348,552.00 for Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $57,073.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,827,270.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $40,000.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report *as amended* being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $12,000.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 27 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 28 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $3,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Selectman Reardon asked the assembly for a round of applause thanking the Finance Committee for all their hard work on this year's budget. Mr. Rose ended the meeting by informing the gathering that the budget was, in effect, a deficit budget in the amount of $44,000. He explained that the school department was intending to make up the deficit during the year, or cut back on expenditures if unable to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2005
CONTINUED TO JUNE 20, 2005
FY06

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1 - 24	NONE				
	Itemized Budget				
25	**GENERAL GOVERNMENT** (Total)	**$1,371,933.00**			
	1. Moderator, Salary			25.00	
	Expenses			0.00	
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary			12,600.00	
	Wages			350.00	
	Expenses			5,966.00	
	Salary & Wage Reserve			0.00	
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		13,234.00	65,059.00	
	Wages		76,950.00		
	Expenses		7,365.00		
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		52,346.00		
	Wages		74,730.00		
	Expenses		22,725.00		
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		35,294.00		
	Wages		40,750.00		
	Expenses		10,060.00		
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		52,346.00		
	Wages		124,580.00		
	Expenses		55,850.00		
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		56,604.00		
	Wages		87,598.00		
	Expenses		92,121.00		
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00		
	Assessor (Salary)		50,700.00		
	Wages		161,800.00		
	Expenses		21,800.00		
	Field Review Update		0.00		
	9. Law Account, Fees		81,300.00		
	10. Finance Committee, Wages		0.00		
	Expenses		250.00		
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00		
	Wages		7,000.00		
	Expenses		7,770.00		
	12. Planning Board, Salary		54,945.00		
	Wages		23,160.00		
	Expenses		6,260.00		

		TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
25 (cont'd)	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00		
	Expenses		695.00		
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00		
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00		
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00		
	17. Conservation Commission, Salary		45,775.00		3,500.00 (Wetlands Hearing Fees)
	Wages		9,500.00		
	Expenses		3,375.00		
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	**2,308,547.00**			
	18. Police Department, Salary		123,385.00		
	Wages		1,116,247.00		
	Expenses		199,354.00		
	19. Emergency Medical Services, Wages				293,157.00 (Ambulance Rcts reserved for Appropriation Acct.)
	Expenses		53,457.00		56,843.00 (Ambulance Rcts reserved for Appropriation Acct.)
	20. Fire Department, Salary		61,172.00		
	Full Time Wages		72,980.00		
	Wages		70,000.00		
	Expenses		81,416.00		
	21. Injured on Duty, Expenses		10,000.00		
	22. Hydrant Service, Expenses		22,515.00		
	23. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		4,800.00		
	Salary, (Asst. Dog Officer)		1,800.00		
	Wages		12,426.00		
	Expenses		9,370.00		
	24. Inspection Services, Salary		49,835.00		
	Wages		55,740.00		
	Expenses		12,530.00		
	25. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		1,170.00		
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	**19,845,522.00**			
	26. Town School Department				
	Foundation Spending		18,454,522.00	216,000.00	
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,175,000.00		
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	**801,792.00**			
	27. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District				
	Net Budget		801,792.00		
	DPW – Highways	**925,210.00**			
	28. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary		61,172.00		
	Wages		479,046.00		
	Uniforms		10,999.00		
	Expenses		750.00		
	29. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		4,325.00		
	30. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		95,050.00		
	31. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		74,100.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
25 (cont'd)	32. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		72,328.00		
	33. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		29,300.00		
	34. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		64,100.00		
	35. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		12,650.00		
	36. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		21,390.00		
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL				
	37. Transfer Station (Total)	**231,700.00**			
	Wages				68,500.00 (Landfill Rcts)
	Expenses				102,954.00 (Landfill Rcts), 60,246.00 (Landfill Ent Free Cash)
	Hazardous Waste Day		0.00		
	38. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	**1,291,125.00**			
	Wages		179,700.00		
	Expenses		46,748.00		272,412.00 (Sewer Rcts), 31,635.00 (Sewer Ent Free Cash)
	Maturing Debt				582,654.00 (Sewer Rcts)
	Maturing Debt Interest				177,976.00 (Sewer Rcts)
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**476, 666.00**			
	39. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00		
	Wages		3,432.00		
	Expenses		14,383.00		
	40. Council on Aging, Salary		47,817.00		
	Wages		239,570.00		
	Expenses		26,380.00		
	41. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		31,012.00		
	Agent Expenses		2,030.00		
	Veterans Benefits		80,407.00		
	42. Veterans Graves, Expenses		925.00		
	43. DPW – Cemetery Department, Wages		2,000.00		
	Expenses		25,785.00		
	44. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00		
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	**582,774.00**			
	45. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		55,503.00		
	Wages		191,810.00		
	Expenses		76,730.00		
	46. Parks and Recreation, Salary		45,134.00		
	Wages		122,581.00		
	Expenses		10,171.00		
	47. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		44,898.00		
	48. Parks & Recreation Beach, Wages & Expenses		3,057.00		
	49. Teen Center, Wages		27,790.00		
	Expenses		2,100.00		
	50. Family Center, Expenses		3,000.00		
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**529,748.00**			
	51. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		275,595.00		
	Expenses		36,201.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM STABILIZ FUND	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
25 (cont'd)	52. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		47,090.00		
	53. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		2,200.00		
	54. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00		
	55. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		6,965.00		
	56. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		7,128.00		
	57. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		35,922.00		
	58. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		23,128.00		
	59. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		38,693.00		
	60. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		10,400.00		
	61. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		15,506.00		
	62. DPW-Meadow Bldg., Expenses		0.00		
	63. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		29,320.00		
	64. DPW-Franklin School Bldg., Expenses		1,000.00		
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	**2,348,552.00**			
	65. General insurance, Expense		390,321.00		
	66. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	67. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	68. Health insurance, Expenses		670,000.00		
	69. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,000.00		
	70. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		65,000.00		
	71. Pensions, Expenses		1,199,231.00		
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	**57,073.00**			
	72. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00		
	73. Historical District, Expenses		348.00		
	74. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00		
	75. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		4,000.00		
	76. Unclassified Account, Expenses		51,925.00		
	77. Civil War Monument, Expenses		0.00		
	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT (Total)	**3,827,270.00**			
	78. Interest, Expenses		1,617,394.00		
	79. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,209,876.00		
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (Total)	**40,000.00**			
	80.Council of Government, Assessment		40,000.00		
26	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving Court Tax cases	**12,000.00**	12,000.00		
27	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**30,000.00**	30,000.00		
28	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**3,000.00**			3,000.00 (Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct.)
	GRAND TOTAL	**34, 682,912.00**	**32,730,035.00**	**300,000.00**	**1,652,877.00**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held December 5, 2005 at the Belchertown High School Veterans' Memorial Auditorium, FY06

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:37PM
Registered voters present – 124 (Quorum required 75)

Article 1 Voted to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $423.12 for the payment of the following unpaid bills of a prior year:

• Staples	$348.12
• R. Driscoll	$75.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $300,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to raise and appropriate $125,000.00; and appropriate from free cash in the treasury the sum of $103,412.00; for a total of $228,412.00, to defray energy costs as listed:

• Maintenance Expense	$165.00
• Lawrence Memorial Hall	$5,964.00
• Finnerty House	$520.00
• EMS Building	$1,280.00
• Road Machinery	$10,766.00
• Town Garage	$2,802.00
• Police Station	$6,753.00
• Sr. Center Building	$5,120.00
• Recreation Building	$4,052.00
• Freedom Center	$2,598.00
• Fire Station	$2,330.00
• Old Town Hall	$1,226.00
• Sewer Enterprise Expense	$20,058.00
• Landfill Enterprise Expense	$321.00
• Schools 4000	$164,457.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to rescind $478,174.00 of the borrowing authorization for the Pine Valley Sewer Project. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to appropriate the sum of $364,218.00 for Chapter 90 project, Chapter 291 of the Acts of 2004. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to enact a Community Preservation Committee By-law as follows:

Chapter xx (# to be assigned)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

xx-1. Title; authority; definitions

xx-2. Community Preservation Committee established

xx-3. Conduct of meetings; approval of actions; cost estimates

xx-4. Powers and duties of Committee

xx-5. Legislative body action on recommendations

xx-6. Recordkeeping

xx-7. Amendments

xx-8. Severability

xx-9. Effective date

xx-1. Title; authority; definitions

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the “Community Preservation Committee By-law” and is adopted pursuant to MGL c. 44B.

Terms used in this By-law which appear in the Community Preservation Act shall have the respective meanings as set forth in the Community Preservation Act.

xx-2. Community Preservation Committee established

There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee, consisting of nine (9) voting members pursuant to MGL c. 44B, s. 5. The composition of the committee, the appointing authority, and the term of office for the committee members shall be as follows:

One member of the Conservation Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of three years and thereafter for a term of three years.

One member of the Historical Commission as designated by the Commission for a term of three years and thereafter for a term of three years.

One member of the Planning Board as designated by the Board for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years.

One member of the Recreation Commission as designated by the Commission for an initial term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years.

One member of the Housing Authority as designated by the Authority for an initial term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years.

Four At-Large members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, two of which to be appointed for a term of one year and thereafter for a term of three years, one of which to be appointed for a term of two years and thereafter for a term of three years, and one of which to be appointed for a term of three years and thereafter for a term of three years.

Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of three years or until the person no longer serves on the Commission, Board, or Authority as set forth above, whichever is earlier. The initial appointment will end on June 30th of the last year of the appointment. Thereafter, terms shall run from July 1st through June 30th of the last year of the term.

Should any of the municipal agencies that have appointment authority under this Chapter be no longer in existence for whatever reason, the appointment authority for that Commission, Board, or Authority shall become the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen.

All members shall serve without compensation. The Committee shall elect annually a Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk from its own number.

Any member of the Committee may be removed for cause by his or her respective appointing authority after a hearing conducted by such appointing authority.

Vacancies shall be filled by the appointing authority within thirty (30) days by appointment for the unexpired term.

xx-3. Conduct of meetings; approval of actions; cost estimates
The Community Preservation Committee shall comply with the provisions of the Open Meeting Law [MGL c. 39, ss 23A-C].

The Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote.

Recommendations by the Committee to the Town Meeting shall include the anticipated costs of any such recommendations.

xx-4 Powers and duties of the Committee

A. Duties: The Committee shall evaluate the community preservation needs of the Town and make recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting as part of the annual budget process.

B. Annual Needs Study: The Committee shall study the community preservation needs, possibilities, and resources of the Town, consulting with various Town agencies, particularly those represented on the Committee. It shall develop a community preservation program and financial plan for the Town. The program shall identify both long-term and short-term goals and needs, set criteria for evaluating proposed acquisitions and initiatives, prioritize projects and estimate their costs. The financial plan shall include a multi-year revenue and expenditure forecast and identify the fund or other Town financing source for each proposed project. The program and financial plan shall be reviewed and updated annually to reflect changes in the Town's needs, priorities and resources.

C. Requirement for Public Hearing: The Committee shall annually hold at least one public informational hearing. Notice of the annual hearing must be posted at least two weeks before the hearing date, and the Committee must publish a hearing notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Town for each of the two weeks before the hearing date.

D. Annual recommendations and budget: Each year the Committee shall make recommendations to the Annual Town Meeting for funding community preservation acquisitions and initiatives in conformity with MGL c. 44B, for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, restoration and rehabilitation of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

In every fiscal year, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend either that the Town Meeting spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10% of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for each of the following purposes: (a) open space (not including land for recreational use); (b) historic resources; and (c) community housing.

The community preservation budget shall include the Committee's revenue projections for the fiscal year and identify all expenditures the Committee proposes funding with Community Preservation Fund sources, including Committee administrative and operating expenses, debt service, and any other existing or ongoing obligations.

E. Reservation of funds: The Committee may include in its recommendation to the Annual Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation but for which sufficient funds are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

F. Additional recommendations: Throughout the year, the Committee may make additional recommendations on acquisitions and initiatives to the extent that funds are available to support them.

xx-5 Legislative body action on recommendations

The Town Meeting may make appropriations from or reservations of community preservation funds in the amount recommended by the Committee or it may reduce or reject any recommended amount. It may also vote to reserve all or part of the annual revenues recommended by the Committee for appropriation for specific acquisitions or initiatives for later appropriation by allocating funds to the reserve for that category of expenditures. The Town Meeting may not increase any recommended appropriation or reservation, and it may not appropriate or reserve any fund monies on its own initiative without a prior recommendation by the Committee.

xx-6 Recordkeeping

The Committee must maintain records relating to the use of the Community Preservation Fund [MGL c. 44B, s. 13]. These records are subject to disclosure as public records [MGL c. 66, s. 10].

A. Recommendations: The Committee shall keep a full and accurate account of all of its actions, including recommendations to the Town Meeting and the specific action taken on them.

B. Expenditures: The Committee shall track all appropriations and expenditures made from the Fund and periodically monitor spending from the Fund and review the status of its budget.

C. Property interests: The Committee shall maintain an inventory of all real property interests acquired, disposed of, or improved by the Town after recommendation of the Committee. The inventory shall contain, at a minimum, the names and addresses of the grantors and grantees, the amount of consideration, and all relevant action dates, and shall reference all documents related to acquisitions, dispositions, and improvements, such as purchase and sale agreements and deeds.

xx-7 Amendments

This Chapter may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not cause a conflict to occur with MGL c. 44B.

xx-8 Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this chapter be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

xx-9 Effective date
Following Town Meeting approval, this Chapter shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth and compliance with all by-law approval procedures under MGL c. 40, s. 32.

Each appointing authority shall have thirty (30) days after approval by the Attorney General to make its initial appointment.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to establish an Agricultural Commission to represent the Belchertown agricultural community, as follows:

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Mission: To promote agricultural-based economic opportunities; preserve, revitalize and sustain the Belchertown agricultural industry, and encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle."

Said Commission once appointed shall develop a work plan to guide its activities and shall report its activities on an annual basis within the Annual Town Report. Such activities will include, but will not be limited to, the following: shall serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Belchertown; shall promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in Town; shall serve as advisors to local Boards and Commissions or other organizations on projects and activities, including acquisitions and other transactions, involving agricultural lands in town; shall act as mediators, advocates, educators, and/or negotiators on agricultural issues; shall work for the preservation of agricultural lands; and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community. For the purposes of this article, agriculture shall include but shall not be limited to the production of crops, livestock, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, nurseries, greenhouses, and related activities.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, based upon the recommendation from the Commission. The Commission will consist of a minimum of three members from the active agricultural-based enterprises in Belchertown and another two who are interested in agriculture. Two members shall be appointed for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years and three thereafter; and one member for a term of one year and three thereafter. Up to four Associate Members may also be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, each for two-year terms. Associate members will be from the active agricultural-based enterprises in Belchertown or interested in agriculture.

The appointing authority shall fill initial vacancies based upon the recommendation of the Conservation Commission.

The appointing authority shall fill a vacancy based on the unexpired term of the vacancy in order to maintain the cycle of appointments, based on the recommendations of the Agricultural Commission. Guiding principles for Commission appointment: members should represent the diversity and scale of agricultural businesses in Belchertown and members need not be Town residents but the majority of all members must reside in

Belchertown. A minimum of three members must have a financial interest in an active agricultural-based enterprise in Belchertown and a maximum of two who are interested in agriculture. (Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to appropriate the remaining $327,971.05 from the High School Construction Account to the Cold Spring School Account for the following renovations: roof replacement, ventilator replacement and ventilation system upgrade, replacement of heating system supply lines, asbestos removal from steam tunnels, and related design and engineering costs. (Joint meeting of the Finance Committee, School Committee and Board of Selectmen was held at which this article was unanimously endorsed)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to appropriate the sum of $38,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Free Cash Account to the Sewer Enterprise Expense Account for the purchase of a new vehicle. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 4-0-0)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to amend the Zoning By-Law, as previously amended, by removing Article X, Section 145-42 through 145-50, Common Drive Development, in its entirety and replacing it with the following: (revised version was handed out at meeting on which to be voted)

ARTICLE X, Common Drive Development

§ 145-42. Definitions; intent.

A. Definitions. Refer to §145-2 of this chapter.

B. Intent. This article is meant to allow for a minor residential development alternative to conventional subdivision development. The purpose of a common drive development is to result in less environmental damage than a conventional subdivision or separate curb cuts for each lot would cause.

C. Minor Common Drive. A minor drive that serves only two lots and is less than 600 feet long may be approved by the Department of Public Works upon submittal of an owners' maintenance agreement, a plan showing the right-of-way, and a grade and storm water plan meeting the standards of the town's curb-cut bylaw, and does not require a special permit. The owners' maintenance agreement and right-of-way must be recorded with the deeds of each property.

D. Special Permit Common Driveway. A two-lot drive longer than 600 feet, and any common drive serving up to six lots, is subject to a common drive development special permit from the Planning Board under this article.

§ 145-43. Special permit granting authority; waivers.

A. The Belchertown Planning Board shall be the special permit granting authority for all purposes under this article and shall adopt rules and regulations with respect to the administration of applications or special permits under this article, subject to the conditions set forth below and in accordance with the provisions of §145-69 of this chapter and MGL c.40A, §§9 and 11, as amended.

B. Waiver of compliance. The Belchertown Planning Board, acting as the special permit granting authority under this article, in appropriate cases, may waive strict compliance with such requirements of this article as provided in MGL c.40A, §9, where such action is in the public interest and not inconsistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Act or this chapter. The applicant shall submit waiver requests in writing. Waivers granted by the Planning Board under this subsection may be limited by conditions which shall be endorsed on the plan to which said conditions relate or set forth in a separate instrument attached to the plan. [Amended 5-13-1996 ATM by Art. 23]

§ 145-44. Standards.

The driveway of a common drive development shall be constructed to minimum standards as described in this article. The following regulations shall apply to a common drive development:

A. The common drive:
  (1) Shall not be extended and shall not be an extension of an existing common drive;
  (2) Shall not be connected to any other way except the way from which it originates;
  (3) Shall serve no more than six lots. A common drive longer than 600 feet shall serve no more than three lots. For purposes of this paragraph, the length of the common drive shall be measured from its intersection with the public way from which it originates to the most distant point serving more than one lot; and
  (4) Shall enter from the same public way which serves as frontage for the lots in the common drive development, unless unique circumstances are such that the Planning Board may permit access from a public way not fronting every lot in the common drive development.

B. A lot may be served by the common drive only if the ownership of that lot provides mandatory membership in an owners' association responsible for annual and long-term maintenance, including, but not limited to, removal of ice and snow from the common drive. See §145-45B(14)

C. A common drive development shall only be allowed for single-dwelling or duplex residential use.

D. Each lot shall have legal frontage on a public way meeting the requirements of the zoning bylaw in effect with regard to the district in which the lot is located at the time of the application. All other dimensional requirements, as defined in §145-16 of the zoning bylaw, for lots served by a common driveway, including but not limited to lot area, coverage, width, and setback of front, side and rear yards, as measured in relation to the street serving as the legal frontage for the lots, shall be the same as would be required for those lots had they not shared a common driveway. A lot in more than one zone shall be governed by the requirements for the zone in which the majority (more than 50%) of the lot is located.

E. Each lot shall front on the common drive right-of-way for a minimum distance of twenty feet or for such distance as the Planning Board deems necessary to provide adequate access to the interior of the lot from said right-of-way.

F. In accordance with §145-69A(1) and §145-42B, the Planning Board may issue a special permit for a common drive development if the applicant demonstrates to the Planning Board that the construction of the common drive will:
  (1) Cause less environmental damage to the lots, specifically to wetland resource areas and slopes, than either separate driveways or a subdivision, while allowing vehicular access to each lot; and

(2) Preserve or enhance the prevalent character of the area by reducing curb cuts that would be otherwise allowed and by maintaining extant vegetation and topography.

§ 145-45. Administration.

A. Special permit granting authority. After notice and public hearing in accordance with Section 9 of the Zoning Act (MGL c. 40A, § 9), the Planning Board may, after due consideration of the reports and recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Director of Public Works, and Town Engineer, grant such a special permit, provided that the conditions in §145-44 and the requirements of §145-45A and §145-45B have been met.

B. Requirements. The application for a special permit pursuant to this article shall be accompanied by a site plan showing all of the applicable information stipulated in this article. At the discretion of the Planning Board, an environmental analysis may be required. The common drive development shall comply with applicable storm water runoff control standards established by the Mass. Department of Environmental Protection, or US Environmental Protection Agency. Drainage shall be designed and constructed to contain stormwater runoff on the premises or in a manner that will not have a detrimental effect on other properties.

C. Common drive developments shall conform to the following design standards:

(1) Width.

Item	**Requirement (feet)**
Common drive right-of-way	40[1]
Width of common drive plus shoulders	18
Width of gravel base	18[2]
Width of finished surface	14[3]

(2) Grades. Maximum grade is 10 % to allow for safe winter passage. Minimum grade is 1/2 % to provide adequate drainage and avoid pooling of water.

(3) Horizontal alignment. Horizontal alignment should minimize alteration of the land by avoiding steep slopes, ledge, and other natural features. Common drives serving three or more houses shall have adequate safety precautions for any sharp curves. Curve radii must be great enough to accommodate delivery vehicles and fire trucks.

(4) Intersections.

a) The common drive shall be laid out to intersect with the street as nearly as possible to a right angle. In no case shall street and way intersections be less than 75°.

b) Intersection approaches shall have a slope of less than 2% for at least 50 feet measured from the edge of the pavement of the intersecting road.

NOTES:

1. The center line of the common drive shall coincide with the center line of the common drive right-of-way, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.
2. The minimum width of the common drive (gravel base) shall be 18 feet, except that where the common drive serves no more than two lots the width may be reduced to 12 feet.
3. A gravel surface may be allowed if the common drive serves no more than two lots and/or complies with Subsection C(8)(b).

(5) Easements. Easements for utilities and drainage that cannot be contained in the common drive right-of-way shall be provided where necessary and shall be at least 20 feet wide. Wider easements may be required by the board if necessary.

(6) Site and earthwork. Development shall be designed and constructed for as little disturbance as possible to the natural landform. Development shall demonstrate appropriate terrain-adaptive design and construction techniques. Extensive grading shall be avoided. Alternate site design and construction measures are encouraged to mitigate the effects of development on steep slopes.

a) Natural and cultural features. All natural and cultural features, such as large trees, watercourses, stone walls, scenic points, historic spots, and similar community assets, shall be preserved.

b) Setting lines and grades. The applicant shall employ a professional engineer or registered land surveyor to set all lines and grades in a manner satisfactory to the Planning Board, Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer.

c) Clearing the right-of-way. The area for six feet from the gravel base shall be cleared and grubbed of all stumps, brush, roots, and like material. The Planning Board may require a greater cleared area to accommodate drainage, to improve sight distances, and to accomplish other public purposes. The Planning Board will determine this upon advice from the Director of Public Works, the conservation commission, town engineer, or other consulting authority.

d) Erosion control and bank stabilization during construction. All cleared and excavated land must be secured to prevent erosion. An explanation of proposed erosion controls must be submitted as part of the plan and must satisfy the Planning Board, the Director of Public Works, the Town Engineer, and the Conservation Commission.

e) Unsuitable material. All unsuitable material for road construction, such as peat, topsoil, and highly organic silt or clay, or any other material that, in the opinion of the Director of Public Works, is considered to be detrimental to the subgrade, shall be removed and replaced with suitable gravel.

f) Subgrade. The subgrade shall be shaped to a true surface conforming to the lines and grades indicated in the approved plan (cross section and profile) and, where original ground, shall be compacted to a depth of six inches. A tolerance of ½ inch above or below finished subgrade will be permitted, provided that this difference is not maintained over 50 feet and the required crown (cross slope) is maintained.

g) Cutting and Filling. Limitations on Cut and Fill. The depth of any cut area or the height of any fill, as measured from natural grade shall not be greater than seven feet. The total combined depth of any cut area or height of any fill as a result of driveway grading or any subsequent grading shall not total more than seven feet, as measured from natural grade. Any cuts and fills for the common drive development must be quantified in the plan.

h) Fill areas. In fill areas, the embankment shall be ordinary borrow.

i) Removal of Earth From the Site. The removal of earth from the subdivision site is regulated by the Town of Belchertown zoning bylaw, Chapter 145, Zoning, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, §145-29. Site construction is to conform closely to the natural features. As a result, there should be a minimal amount of earth to be removed. If the developer seeks to remove gravel, sand, or other earth beyond the amount necessary to construct the driveway according to the plan, the developer must apply for a special permit for earth removal.

(7) Pavement structure:

a) The common drive surface may have a gravel finish if its slope is between the permitted minimum and 8%, inclusive, except where it is the opinion of the Planning Board that the terrain and design results in water being carried along the drive surface (rather than sheeting off at right angles to it), in which case the surface shall be sealed or paved as the Planning Board requires. The drive may have a sealed surface for grades up to 8%, inclusive, except where soil and potential erosion conditions are such that it is the opinion of the Planning Board that a heavier-wear surface is needed. Grades over 8% and others as required by the Planning Board shall be paved.

b) Gravel finish shall be at least four inches thick, compacted measure. It shall be of a composition suitable, in the opinion of the Planning Board, for the actual drainage conditions and shall contain no stones larger than 11/2 inches in size. Where the sub-base is firm, well-drained gravel, the Planning Board may permit the substitution of a four-inch layer of finish gravel for the upper four inches of the gravel base. In no event will the total gravel thickness be less than 12 inches. If it is the opinion of the Planning Board that a gravel surface or sealed surface is inadequate due to soil and potential erosion conditions, then a heavier-wear surface will be required.

c) A common drive that is to be sealed shall be scraped and shaped and the gravel base upgraded as required by the Planning Board and Director of Public Works. The sealed surface shall consist of a layer of three-eighths-inch stone, two penetration coats of oil at 1/2 gallon per square yard and one sealer coat at 1/3 gallon per square yard.

(8) Monuments and markers. Monuments shall be installed along the right-of-way at critical points as shown in the plan where, as determined by the Planning Board upon recommendation from the Director of Public Works or the Town Engineer, permanent monuments are necessary for certain location of the right-of -way boundary. Monuments shall be installed under the direction of a Massachusetts registered land surveyor.

(9) Drainage. The drainage design shall consist of an open drainage system consisting of grassed swales and waterways or overland sheet flow, if appropriate, or a closed drainage system meeting Mass. DEP stormwater standards. . Vegetation shall be retained to assist in water absorption and soil retention. When vegetation must be cleared for construction, the soil must be revegetated immediately with native species per approval by the conservation commission. Outlets from the drainage swales should be properly engineered and avoid damage to wetland resource areas. Storm water shall not be permitted to cross over the common drive.

a) Construction. Trees, brush, stumps, and other material in objectionable amounts are to be disposed of so as not to interfere with construction or proper functioning. The channel section is to be free of bank projections or other irregularities, which prevent normal flow. The waterway or outlet shall be excavated or shaped to line, grade and cross section as required to meet the criteria specified herein, free of bank projections or the irregularities that will impede normal flow. Earth removed and not needed in construction is to be spread or disposed of so as not to interfere with the functioning of the waterway. Fills are to be compacted as needed to prevent unequal settlement that will cause damage in the completed waterway.

b) Vegetation. Waterways and outlets shall be protected against erosion by vegetation as soon after construction as is practicable and before diversions or other channels are directed into them. Consideration should be given to jute matting, excelsior matting, or sodding of the channel to provide erosion protection as soon after construction as possible.

(10) Maintenance. The common drive is established as private property. Maintenance after formal completion is the responsibility of the mandatory owners' association that must be created under §145-44B. The town shall not under any circumstances be held liable for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, or snow removal on any common drive.

(11) Name. Common drives shall not be given a name.

(12) Signs. A permanent marker not to exceed six square feet, per §145-22 of this chapter, shall be placed at the intersection of the common drive and the public way. The sign or marker shall include the designation "private way" as well as house numbers off the public way. A similar marker shall be placed where the common drive meets each individual lot. Should the common drive split, a permanent marker must also be placed at each intersection indicating which houses are located on either side of the split.

(13) Restrictions. The site plan shall identify as such all land that is to be held and administered by the mandatory owners' association. It shall bear restrictions satisfactory to the Planning Board, to run with the land, restricting the way shown to remain private property and not to be extended, and any other restrictions and easements that are required for common drive development by these rules. It shall incorporate by reference the document(s), satisfactory to the Planning Board, creating the mandatory owners' association and setting forth restrictive covenants and easements binding present and future owners of all the lots served by the common drive. Such document(s) must include but are not limited to the following:

(a) Specific standards for the maintenance of all structures designed to the requirements of a common drive special permit, including but not limited to the travel way, drainage system and signage.

(b) Provisions for allocating responsibility for snow removal and for maintenance, repair, or reconstruction of the common driveway, drainage system, and signage.

(c) Text of proposed easements including the metes and bounds description.

(d) A procedure for the resolution of disagreements. Said document(s) shall be recorded along with the site plan and public utility and drainage easements in the

Hampshire Registry of Deeds and shall also be recited in and attached to every deed to every lot served by the common drive.

(14) Fees. Refer to the planning board fee schedule as kept by the Town Clerk and planning board office. All engineering and legal review costs by the town's consulting engineer or legal counsel shall be paid by the applicant.

§ 145-46. Inspections.

A. The common drive shall be inspected prior to each construction step by the Director of Public Works, the town's consulting engineer, or by other duly appointed representatives of the Planning Board.

B. In lieu of Subsection A, the developer's engineer shall certify, in writing, after each construction step that construction of the road is in substantial accordance with the approved plan and typical cross section.

§145-47. Acceptance as a public way. A common drive designed and constructed in accordance with these requirements is not a street which may be accepted as a public way. In granting a special permit for a common drive, the Planning Board shall impose a condition prohibiting the lot owners from petitioning for acceptance of the common drive as a public way, unless the mandatory owners' association presents a petition to the town demonstrating that the common drive conforms to Chapter 270, Subdivision of Land, of the Code of the Town of Belchertown, for the construction and laying of ways, including requirements pertaining to cul-de-sac or dead-end streets, and demonstrating that the lots served by the common drive, with structures as built, conform with dimensional regulations (§145-16) applicable to the zoning district with respect to lot area, frontage, coverage, setbacks and lot width. A lot divided by the common drive right-of-way shall be considered as two separate lots for purposes of this demonstration, with new lot lines as created by the proposed new public way.

§ 145-48. Lapse of special permit.

A special permit granted under this article shall lapse after 24 months if substantial construction has not begun by such date, except for good cause shown and approved by the Planning Board.

§ 145-49. Submission of as-built plans.

Prior to any house served by the common drive receiving a certificate of occupancy, a revised, recordable Mylar of the original submittal showing the actual existing as-built conditions and six paper copies shall be submitted to the Planning Board upon completion of the common drive. A copy shall be submitted in a digital (electronic) format consistent with the town's geographic information system, or GIS. The applicant shall submit the digital copy on 3½ inch diskettes, Iomega zip disc, or CD-ROM. The electronic plan will be reviewed for its content and ability to meet the town's GIS standards. Failure to submit these data in electronic format or to meet the standards below will delay the Planning Board's endorsement of the certificate of completion until acceptable digital plans are provided.

Specific Standards Required include:

(a) All digital mapping data must be delivered in a standard geographic coordinate system. The coordinate system employed by the town's GIS is Massachusetts Mainland Zone horizontal datum of NAD83 (state plane units feet), and a vertical datum of NGVD88.

(b) All digital data must be delivered in one of the following formats: AutoCAD dwg format, AutoCAD dxf format, ArcView shapefile format, or Arc/Info e00 format.

(c) All data must be topologically clean, meaning that polygons are closed and lines connect at nodes. Features that naturally connect (i.e. driveways to roads, parcel lines to roads and water features, etc.) must connect seamlessly. If the digital information provided is tiled across multiple sheets, the abutting edges of each sheet must precisely match along the join lines.

(d) All digital line work must be developed as continuous lines and rendered using line types/styles (i.e. dashed lines, etc). Continuous lines that have been broken to appear dashed are not acceptable.

(e) All text in the AutoCAD files must appear on top of other features and stored in separate layers. In the digital file, those features under the text should not be erased in order to make text clearer.

(f) All features must be thematically organized in the CADD or GIS data structure. Having all features in a single CADD layer or GIS file is not acceptable.

(g) Documentation of the data format must be provided and a complete list of all layer names with descriptions. If multiple files are delivered, each must be documented with a complete description of its purpose. All documentation must be provided in Microsoft® Word format or ASCII text format, and shall be included on the electronic media containing the electronic plan data. Documentation must be provided on the method used to gather the data, an estimation of the horizontal and vertical accuracy, and the date of data capture.

§145-50. Enforcement; appeals; violations and penalties.

A. The Building Inspector shall not issue a building permit for a lot in a common drive development until the necessary special permit is granted and recorded and the appeal period has expired. [Added 5-13-1996 ATM by Art. 23]

B. The Building Inspector shall not issue a certificate of occupancy permit until all work has been completed as approved and the as-built plan has been submitted in corrected form in accordance with §145-49.

C. Decisions of the Planning Board regarding special permit approval may be appealed as set forth in the Zoning Act, MGL c. 40A, as amended.

D. Violations of the approved special permit for a common drive or any conditions of approval shall be subject to the provisions of §145-67 of this chapter, as amended.

E. The Planning Board may periodically amend or add rules and regulations relating to the procedures and administration of this article.

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved at 7:54PM

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 16, 2005
BELCHERTOWN, MA

*Denotes Elected

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Moderator	*Terry Scott Nagel		297	292	367	257	1213
3 year	Sundry Writeins		3	3	1	4	11
Vote for one		Blanks	110	95	118	96	419
		Total	410	390	486	357	1643
Board of Selectmen	Ronald E. Aponte		182	155	304	111	752
3 years	*James A. Barry		210	214	158	227	809
Vote for one	Martina D. Robinson		12	14	14	10	50
	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	1	1
		Blank	6	7	10	8	31
		Total	410	390	486	357	1643
School Committee	Tony Dismukes		86	79	110	68	343
3 years	*Linda J. Tsoumas		279	277	362	204	1122
Vote for two	*Eric L. Weiss		217	196	218	188	819
	Sundry Writeins		1	1	1	2	5
		Blanks	237	227	281	252	997
		Total	820	780	972	714	3286
Planning Board	Matthew S Jackson		164	168	270	122	724
5 years	*George R. Synan		204	180	181	192	757
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		2	1	0	2	5
		Blank	40	41	35	41	157
		Total	410	390	486	357	1643
Board of Assessors	*Brian J. Fitzpatrick		262	257	344	215	1078
3 years	Sundry Writeins		2	1	2	1	6
Vote for one		Blank	146	132	140	141	559
		Total	410	390	486	357	1643
Housing Authority	*Tracey L. Thompson		245	262	343	217	1067
5 years	Sundry Writeins		2	1	0	0	3
Vote for one		Blank	163	127	143	140	573
		Total	410	390	486	357	1643
Housing Authority	*John E. Taras		246	261	352	225	1084
3 years	Sundry Writeins		2	0	3	0	5
Vote for one		Blank	162	129	131	132	554
		Total	410	390	486	357	1643
Board of Health	*Kenneth D. Nolan		193	226	302	171	892
3 years	*Sean J. Cleary		239	206	270	180	895
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		1	2	4	1	8
		Blank	387	346	396	362	1491
Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments	*William R. Barnett		270	277	367	224	1138
2 years	*Bonnie R. Strickland		203	212	271	196	882
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		1	3	1	1	6

Blank	346	288	333	293	1260
Total	820	780	972	714	3286

Question

Shall the Town of Belchertown accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by a petition signed by at least five percent (5%) of the registered voter of this town, summary of which appears below?

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General laws of Massachusetts (also known as the **Community Preservation Act**) establish a dedicated funding source to acquire, create and preserve open space, historic resources, land for recreational use, and community housing, and to rehabilitate and restore such open space, historic resources, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created as provided under said Act. In Belchertown, the Act will be funded by an additional surcharge of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state. The following exemption from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) Property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low to moderate senior housing in the Town; (2) $100,00.00 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential of residential real property. Any other taxpayer receiving an exemption of real property authorized by Chapter 59 of the General laws or any other law shall be exempt from this Act. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before funds can be expended to acquire any particular parcel of land. All expenditures pursuant to the Act will be subject to an annual audit.

PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Yes	188	198	187	219	792
No	164	145	224	102	635
Blanks	58	47	75	36	216
Total	410	390	486	357	1643

Belchertown Registered Voters

PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Democrat	657	645	712	673	2687
Republican	319	371	409	230	1329
Unenrolled	1113	1235	1337	1114	4799
Other	24	23	23	39	109
Total	2113	2274	2481	2056	8924
Vote Cast on 5/16/05 (18.4% Voted)	410	390	486	357	1643

Attest:
William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

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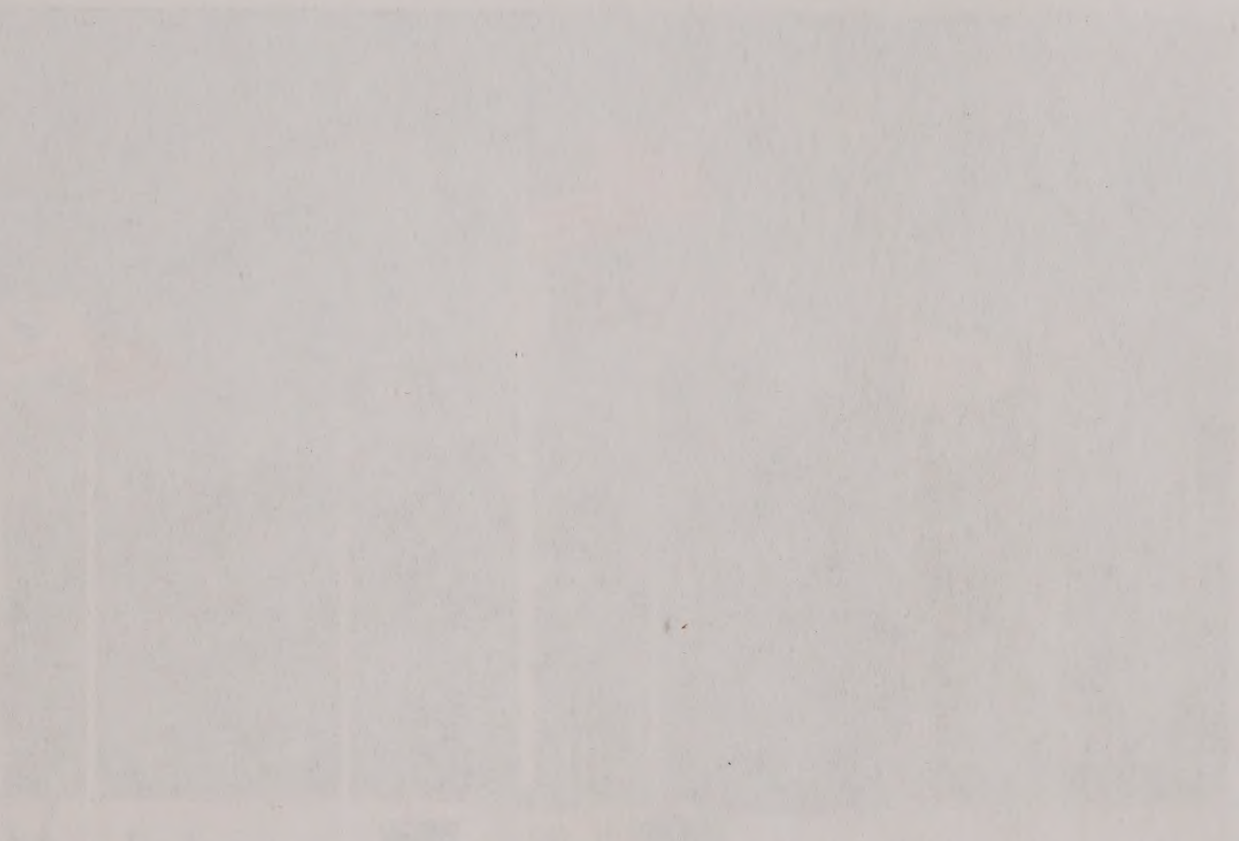

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A display of flags erected in honor of America's Veterans
at South Cemetery on Mill Valley Road.

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Almoners - Whiting Street and Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds

Linda E. Barron	5/2007
Suzanne M. Bay	5/2007

Trustees – Calvin Bridgman Fund

Sylvia C. Conkey	5/2007
Kenneth H. Snow	5/2009
Ann Austin Pratt	5/2008

Councilor-Hampshire Council of Governments

William R. Barnett	5/2007
Bonnie R. Strickland	5/2007
Kenneth E. Elstein	5/2008
Donald L. Minney	5/2008
Linda E. Barron	5/2006

Board of Assessors

Samuel J. Joyal	5/2007
Brian J. Fitzpatrick	5/2008
William J. Huber	5/2009
Michael P. Forgue	5/2006

Board of Health

Gail L. Gramarossa	5/2007
Gary R. Racicot	5/2007
Roger M. Bonsall	5/2009
Kenneth Nolan	5/2008
Sean J. Cleary	5/2008

Housing Authority

James J. Gambaro	5/2011
Tracey L. Thompson	5/2010
Sally M. Dodge	5/2009
John Taras	5/2008
F. Knowlton Utley (State Mbr.)	2/2007

Moderator

Terry Scott Nagel	5/2008

Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee Members

Judith C. Dudek	11/2008
Michael A. O'Connor	11/2010

Planning Board

George R. Synan	5/2010
James J. Natle	5/2009
Daniel R. Beaudette *(elected 5/15/06)*	5/2011
Louis Faassen *(elected 5/15/06)*	5/2008
Christopher Laurenzo *(appointed 10/31/06)*	5/2007
Joe D. Gilman, Jr.	5/2006
Elizabeth C. Chase *(resigned 9/27/06)*	5/2007

School Committee

Sharon D. Barnett	5/2009
Barbara Schaffer Bacon	5/2009
Eric L. Weiss	5/2008
Linda J. Tsoumas	5/2008
Beverly Phaneuf *(appointed 3/1/06-elected 5/06)*	5/2007
Mary Ellen O'Reilly Bracey *(resigned 2/7/2006)*	5/2007

Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Reardon	5/2007
Gerald A. Grasso	5/2009
Alfred J. Roccanti	5/2007
James A. Barry	5/2008
Ronald E. Aponte *(elected 5/15/06)*	5/2009
Linda E. Barron *(retired 5/2006)*	5/2006

Town Clerk

William R. Barnett	5/2009

2006 APPOINTED OFFICERS

Town Accountant

Jill M. Besancon	6/30/07

Assistant Town Accountant

Kimberly O'Grady	6/30/07

Town Administrator

Gary L. Brougham	6/30/07

Americans with Disabilities Act Committee

Paul Adzima, Coordinator	Final Report
Max Bock	Final Report
Gary L. Brougham	Final Report
Sally Dodge	Final Report
Michael Krzystofik	Final Report
Judith Metcalf	Final Report
Ruthella Tucker	Final Report
Steven J, Williams	Final Report
Ted Bock	Final Report

Agricultural Commission
(All members appointed 4/10/2006)

Grace Adzima	6/30/08
Will Shattuck	6/30/08
Judith Fuller Gillan	6/30/07
Hope Guardenier	6/30/07
Jon Clements	6/30/09
Richard Reidy – Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Alan Page – Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Susan Gay – Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Hillary Woodcock - Assoc Mbr *(resigned 8/28/06)*	6/30/07

Director of Assessments

John G. Whelihan	6/30/07

Civil Defense Director

Edward F. Bock	6/30/07

Civil Defense Deputy Director

Mark S. Brouillette	6/30/07

Civil Defense Radio Officer

Ronald R. Beaver	6/30/05

Belchertown's Community Emergency Response Coordinator

Edward F. Bock

Western Mass. Regional Local-Emergency Planning Committee Inc.(WMR-LEPC)

Edward F. Bock

Community Preservation Committee
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James Gambaro, Housing Authority Mbr	6/30/07
Karen Schiffer, Recreation Commission Mbr	6/30/08
James Natle, Planning Board Mbr	6/30/08
Robert Rizzo, Conservation Commission Mbr	6/30/09
Leslie Squires, Historical Commission Mbr	6/30/09
Edwina Cruise, At-Large Mbr	6/30/07
Cliff McCarthy, At-Large Mbr	6/30/07
Ken Elstein, At-Large Mbr	6/30/08
Betsy Loughran, At-Large Mbr	6/30/09

Conservation Commission

Edward T. Knight	6/30/07
David M. Haines	6/30/09
Robert J. Rizzo	6/30/09
Joseph K. Babineau	6/30/08
John M. Clements	6/30/09
Kurt I. Nelson	6/30/07
Patrick Lund	6/30/08
Linda Leduc, Associate Mbr	6/30/07
Tracy L. Roth, Associate Mbr	6/30/07
Meagan Mazzarino, Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Kelly Taylor, Associate Mbr *(resigned 7/25/2006)*	6/30/07
Kevin Fitzgerald, Assoc Mbr	6/30/06

Council on Aging

Patricia M. Courtney	6/30/07
Josephine Fitzgerald	6/30/08
Joan Poole	6/30/08
Noreen Desroches *(appt 2/13/06)*	6/30/07
Madeline Casey	6/30/06
Jennifer Higgins-Associate Mbr *(resigned 4/24/06)*	6/30/06
William Kimball	6/30/06
Ed Morais	6/30/06

Belchertown Cultural Council

Sharon Cady-Harrison	6/30/09
Ljuba Marsh	6/30/09
Sharon McCartney	6/30/08
Michael Ben-Chaim *(appt 2/6/06)*	6/30/07
Daniel Green *(appt 2/6/06)*	6/30/07
David Gottsegen *(appt 3/6/06)*	6/30/08
Sharon Marean *(appt 4/10/06)*	6/30/08
Allison Page *(appt 4/10/06)*	6/30/08
Joyce Harper	6/30/06
Amy Rappaport *(resigned 1/13/06)*	6/30/08
Melanie S. Lewis *(resigned 3/27/06))*	6/30/08

DIF Committee
Established October 2006

James Barry - Selectmen *(appt 10/10/06)*
Gary Brougham – Town Administrator *(appt 10/20/06)*
Lisa Banner-Collector-Treasurer *(appt 10/10/06)*
Douglas Albertson - Planner *(appt 10/20/06)*
John Whelihan – Assessor *(appt 10/30/06)*
Loy Harris- EDIC *(appt 10/30/06)*
Paul Silva – Finance Cmte *(appt 10/30/06)*

Dog Officer

Terri Hazzard	4/30/07

Assistant Dog Officer

Nancy Perry (formerly Hourihan)	4/30/07
Fred Davis *(appt 3/6/06)*	4/30/07

Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (EDIC)

Jonathan Spiegel, At-Large Seat	6/30/07
William A. Terry, Government Seat	6/30/07
Richard Kump, Financial Seat	6/30/07
Kirk Stephens	6/30/09
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Low Income Seat	6/30/08
Richard Steiner, Real Estate Seat	6/30/08
Loy Harris, Industrial Seat	6/30/09
Woody Sherman, Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
George Synan, Assoc Mbr	6/30/07

Interim EMS Coordinator

Craig Bodamer, EMT-Paramedic

EMS Department

David Conkey, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
Bruce Jenks Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
Jonathan T. Smith, Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/07
Richard Blomstrom, Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/07
Wes Stevenson, Call EMT- Basic	6/30/07
Scott Kozak , Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/07
Benjamin Saunders, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
Cristina Welch, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
Stuart Remensnyder, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
Kristina Mitchell, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
Randy Barnes, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/07
John Hawley, Call EMT-Intermediate	6/30/07
Stephen Kavanagh, Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/07
John A. Kennedy, III, Call EMT-Paramedic *(appt 11/20/06)*	6/30/07

EMS Department, continued

Joan D'Ambrosia, Call EMT-Paramedic *(appt 11/20/06)*	6/30/07
John Lebrecque, Call EMT-Paramedic *(appt 11/20/06)*	6/30/07
Scott Kier, Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/06
Maria Furman, Call EMT-Basic	6/30/06
Edward Dalbec, Call EMT-Paramedic	6/30/06

EMS Study Committee

Linda Tsoumas, Citizen at Large Seat	Final Report
Peg Louraine, Citizen at Large Seat	Final Report
Jeffreu T. Lavoie, Fire Service Seat	Final Report
Michael V. Greco, Fire Service Seat	Final Report
Dr. Charles E. Cavagnaro, Medical/Hospital Service	Final Report
Stephen Kavanaugh, EMS Service Seat	Final Report

Fair Committee

William Austin	6/30/07
Marguerite Brennen	6/30/07
Cindy Brown	6/30/07
Kevin Brown	6/30/07
Carla Chaisson	6/30/07
Kevin LaCroix	6/30/07
Peg Louraine	6/30/07
Mark Nute	6/30/07
Cathy A. Terry	6/30/07
Scott Brown – Associate Mbr	6/30/07

Belchertown Family Center

Lucy Klein	6/30/07
Richard Poissant	6/30/08
Darlene Biskner	6/30/06
Katherine J. Atkinson	6/30/06

Finance Committee

Daniel P. Kloss	6/30/07
David A. Reed	6/30/08
Paul M. Silva	6/30/09
Themis Tsoumas	6/30/09
Steven Rose	6/30/07

Fire Chief

Edward F. Bock

Forest Fire Warden

Edward F. Bock

Fire/ EMS Merger Study Committee

All members appointed 11/20/2006

Larry Therrien	Final Report
Mark Brouillette	Final Report
Michael Greco	Final Report
James Hodgen	Final report
David Auchter	Final Report
Jill Panto, Town Accountant	Final Report
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator	Final Report

Hampshire County Local Emergency Planning Committee

Edward F. Bock

Hampshire Council of Government's Electric Cooperative Committee

Gary Brougham

Board of Health – Appointments

Burial Agent

William R. Barnett	6/30/07

Quabbin Health District

Judy Metcalf Dir. Of Public Health	6/30/07
Randall Gauley, Health Inspector	6/30/07

Physician Advisor to Board of Health

Yih-Ming Hsiao, M.D.	6/30/07

Inspector of Animal

Gary Racicot	4/30/07

Historical Commission

Leslie Squires	6/30/08
F. Knowlton Utley	6/30/09
Genevieve G. Schreiber	6/30/06
Sue Fulton	6/30/08
Alice M. Pelissier	6/30/08
Shannon Materka	6/30/07
Maxine H. Oland *(appt 8/21/06)*	6/30/09
Steven Cole *(appt 8/21/06)*	6/30/07
Judith Fuller Gillan, Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Loy Harris – Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Janet M. Cope *(resigned 6/11/06)*	6/30/07

Historic District Bylaw Commission

Jacqueline Dupre	6/30/07
Denise Smith *(appt 7/24/06)*	6/30/09
Peter Roberts – Real Estate	6/30/08
Jonathan Spiegel – Architect *(appt 7/10/06)*	6/30/09
Rob Condon-At Large	6/30/08
Annie M. Steiner	6/30/06

Industrial Development Financing Authority (IDFA)

Barry Crosby	6/30/08
David Barszcz Real Estate Seat	6/30/06

Inspector of Buildings

Paul Adzima	6/30/08

Assistant Inspector of Buildings

Michael T. Henry	6/30/07

Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

David Fredenburgh, Jr.	6/30/07

Assistant Inspector of Plumbing and Gas Fittings

Christopher A. Hubbard	6/30/07

Inspector of Wiring

Paul Choiniere	6/30/07

Assistant Inspector of Wiring

Douglas Rae	6/30/07

Personnel Board

Maureen A. Wildey	6/30/07
Julie W. Peck	6/30/07
Kathleen Monast	6/30/09
Sharon Riley, *(appt 9/2006)*	6/30/09
Jeanne L. Bell *(appt 11/20/06)*	6/30/08
Don Freeman	6/30/08
M. Florine Neggers	6/30/06

Town Planner

Douglas Albertson

Planning Board – Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits

Donald Pipczynski *(appt 12/11/06)*	6/30/07
Christopher Laurenzo *(appt 9/5/06); (resigned 11/2006)*	6/30/07
Matthew Jackson *(appt 3/13/06)*	5/15/06

Planning Board – Associate Member

Louis Faassen *(appt 1/10/06)*	5/15/06
Matthew Jackson *(appt 1/10/06)*	5/15/06

Police Chief

Francis R. Fox, Jr.

Police Department - Lieutenant

James Jackson	6/30/07

Police Department – Sergeants (Full-time)

Bruce Jenks	6/30/07
David Conkey	6/30/07
Kevin Pacunas	6/30/07
William A. Panto	6/30/07

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Full-time)

Edward H. Oey	6/30/07
Kevin G. Truehart	6/30/07
James Daniels	6/30/07
Jeffrey Scott	6/30/07
Valerie Cote	6/30/07
Adam Brougham	6/30/07
Neil Lozier	6/30/07
John Raymer	6/30/07
Jason Krol	6/30/07
Steven W. Henn, Jr	6/30/07
Dennis Fitzgerald	6/30/07
David Williams *(appt 11/27/06, effect. 12/21/06)*	6/30/07

Police Department – Patrol Officers (Part-time)

John Bonafini	6/30/07
James Taylor	6/30/07
William C. Zobka, Jr.	6/30/07
Peter J. Gaj	6/30/07
Linnea Lavoie-Bernard	6/30/07
Michael T. Roney, Jr.	6/30/07
Jason Christofori	6/30/07
Justin Hooten	6/30/07
David Williams *(appt 1/9/06)*	6/30/07
Josh Dufresne *(appt 1/9/06)*	6/30/07
Dennis M. Fitzgerald	6/30/06
John Soja *(resigned 1/9/06)*	6/30/06
Winthrop Kellogg	6/30/06

Police Station Building Committee

Peter Burton	Final Report
John B. Curry, III	Final Report
Susan Dawley	Final Report
Donna Deroin	Final Report
Robert W. Farrington	Final Report
Robert Henrichon	Final Report
Douglas Rae	Final Report
David Squires	Final Report
William Terry	Final Report
Robert Knight, Police Chief, Ex-Officio	
Linda E. Barron, Selectman, Ex-Officio	

Procurement Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Jill Besancon, Assistant

Public Works Director

Steven J. Williams

PVPC Joint Transportation Committee

Steven J. Williams	6/30/07
Gary Brougham, Alternate	6/30/07
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/07

PVPC (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission) Representatives

Louis Faassen	6/30/07
Douglas Albertson, Alternate	6/30/07
Joe D. Gilman	6/29/06

PVTA Advisory Board

Brian O'Leary	6/30/07

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Business Assistance Loan Program (Belchertown Representative)

Gregory Galanek	6/30/07

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Regional Economic Development (Belchertown Representatives)

Michael Reardon	Final Report
David Roberts	Final Report

Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee (Belchertown Representative)

Richard Steiner

Rationing Board

David H. Squires	6/30/07
Patricia J. Mitchell	6/30/08
Richard F. Dzialo	6/30/06

Recreation Building Study Committee

Garry M. Bock	Final Report
David Cushing	Final Report
James Phaneuf	Final Report
Tilo R. Schiffer	Final Report
Themis J. Tsoumas	Final Report
Michael VanDyke	Final Report

Recreation Commission

Kathleen W. Scruton	6/30/07
Nancy A. Kwiatkowski	6/30/07
Thomas P. Kubacki	6/30/07
Karen Schiffer	6/30/08
Edward Sokolowski	6/30/08
Scott Ingram *(appt 9/18/06)*	6/30/09
Thomas Brown – Assoc Mbr	6/30/07
Richard Maynard *(appt 2/21/06)* *(resigned 12/11/06)*	6/30/09
Daniel Shafer – Associate Mbr *(resigned 8/16/06)*	6/30/07
William Eldridge *(resigned 1/10/06)*	6/30/06
Robert L. Chartier	6/30/06

Recreation Director

Robert S. Opalenik

(Advisory) Regional Economic Development Commission – Regarding the Ware River Valley Regional Economic Target Area

W. Daniel Fitzpatrick

Registrars of Voters

Pauline C. Johnson	3/31/07
M. Florine Neggers	3/31/09
Dorothy A. Pomietlarz	3/31/08
William R. Barnett	6/30/09

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Robert Hansbury Belchertown High School	3/31/07

Precinct Coordinator

Marcel Archambault *(appt 8/7/06)*	8/31/07

Deputy Clerk

John D. Burns	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct A

Elizabeth L. Leger (Warden)	8/31/07
George R. Harrell (Clerk)	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct B

Diane K. Ricchiazzi (Warden)	8/31/07
Elizabeth A. Griffin (Clerk) *(appt 5/8/06)*	8/31/07

Election Officers – Precinct C

Clair E. Partridge (Warden) *(appt 5/8/06)*	8/31/07
Kenneth W. Rhodes (Clerk)	8/31/07
Eileen D. Staples (Warden) *(resigned 2/8/06)*	6/30/06

Election Officers – Precinct D

Clara M. Very (Warden)	8/31/07
Michael J. Griffin (Clerk) (appt 5/8/06)	8/31/07

Rent Control Board

Steven Syriac	6/30/11
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/07
Simon James	6/30/09

Belchertown Scholarship Fund Committee

Richard Pazasis	6/30/07
Michael O'Connor	6/30/07
Reverend Emmanuel Haqq	6/30/07
Keith Poulin	6/30/07
Simon R. James	6/30/07
Theresa Glanville	6/30/07
Sharon Barnett	6/30/07

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paul Adzima	6/30/07

Senior Center Building Committee

Eva Terri Ericksberg	Final Report
Ellen Hall	Final Report
Samuel Joyal	Final Report
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Final Report
M. Florine Neggers	Final Report
Alice Peden	Final Report
Michael Reardon	Final Report
James Shea	Final Report
Lorraine Zatyrka	Final Report

Skate Park Committee

Karen Genereux	6/30/07
Susan J. Darmochwat	6/30/07
Matt Sikes	6/30/07
Aubrey Menard – Associate Mbr	6/30/07
Audrey Miller – Associate Mbr	6/30/07
Jason Chagnon	6/30/06
Christine Shaw	6/30/06
Chris Kennedy	6/30/06

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer

Gary L. Brougham
Lisa Banner, Alternate

Overseer of Willard Stebbins Account

Michael J. Reardon
Suzanne Bay
James Chevalier

Superintendent of Insect Pest Control

Steven J. Williams	6/30/07

Tax Title Property Committee

Douglas Albertson	Final Report
Town Planner	
Gary Brougham	Final Report
Town Administrator	
Patrick Lund	Final Report
Conservation Commission	
John Whelihan	Final Report
Director of Assessments	
Steven Williams – DPW	Final Report

Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Frank Lomanno	6/30/07
James Burke	6/30/07
Christopher deHahn	6/30/07
Kristopher Pacunas	6/30/07
Joseph Gohra	6/30/07
Lew Louraine	6/30/07
Paul Nelson *(appt 12/18/06)*	6/30/07
Ronald Aponte *(resigned 5/24/06)*	6/30/06

Assistant Town Clerk

Colleen K. Toothill-Berte	6/30/07

Treasurer-Collector

Lisa M. Banner	6/30/07

Assistant Treasurer/Collector

Jane Wolfe	6/30/07

Deputy Collectors

Arthur C. Jones	12/31/07

Name	Office	Term Expires

Town Counsel

Attorney Leonard Kopelman, Kopelman and Paige	6/30/07

Town Government Study Committee

All Members appointed 11/20/2006

Thomas Richards	Final Report
Andrew Todd Rome	Final Report
Elizabeth Wexford	Final Report
Betty Jean Jackson	Final Report
Lew Louraine	Final Report
Fran Carmody Freeman *(appt 11/27/06)*	Final Report

Veterans' Graves Officer

Vincent Viglione	3/31/07

Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

Kathleen Wood	3/31/07

Veterans' Services Agent

Robert C.Messier	4/30/07

Veterans' Services Study Committee

Gregory A. Galanek	Final Report
Janet Jourdain	Final Report
Vincent Viglione	Final Report
Esther Pierce	Final Report
Ed Lofland	Final Report

Veterans Burial Agent

Robert C. Messier

War Memorial Committee

Francis A. Dudek	6/30/07
Janet M Jourdain	6/30/08
Edward T. Knight	6/30/09
F. Thomas Keefe	6/30/09
Leo Beauchemin	6/30/09
Susan Gay, Associate Member	6/30/07
Kelly Slate, Associate Member	6/30/06

Name	Office	Term Expires

Zoning Board of Appeals

Richard G. Barry	6/30/07
Diane Loftus Mas	6/30/09
Raymond G. Goff	6/30/08

Associate Members - Board of Appeals

Gregory A. Galanek	6/30/07
Bernadette Harrigan	6/30/07
Natalie Blais	6/30/07

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Paul Adzima	6/30/07

Front (left to right): Alfred Roccanti, James Barry, Ronald Aponte; Rear (left to right): Gerald Grasso, Michael Reardon

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

This report from the Board of Selectmen will touch on a few of the highlights of 2006 that we have been involved with. We encourage you to read the reports from various committees and boards found elsewhere in this Annual Report.

In the spring of 2006 we were all surprised to hear that Linda Barron would not be seeking re-election to the Board of Selectmen. After more than 18 years of service to the Town, she decided to retire from elected office. Anyone who paid the slightest attention to town government knew that Linda Barron was the epitome of selfless service to others. Her longevity gave her a historical perspective that was extremely important in resolving many issues. Ron Aponte was elected to fill Linda's seat. Ron had previously served on the Board and thus was able to "hit the ground running".

The fiscal health of Belchertown remains precarious. The cost of electricity, gas, oil, health insurance and just about everything has steadily risen. The amount of money that the Town receives from the State does not keep pace with the increase in expenses. This year, for the first time in many years, we saw a steep drop in the number of new single family homes being built in town and thus new real estate tax revenues are down. Although there is a new governor in Boston who has pledged an increase in local aid, no one expects significant increases. Once again, our town employees have met the challenge and continue to provide excellent service with very limited resources.

In response to the volatile energy market, the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee formed a sub-committee that included staff from the School Department and the Town. The end result was a negotiated contract with the Hampshire Council of Governments to purchase electricity from them. The first month that the contract was in place, the Town saved over $13,000. This deal has been good for the Town and it has also been good for the HCOG of which we are a large part.

In 2006, we continued in our pro-active stance to broaden our tax base. Members of the Finance Committee, Planning Board and Board of Selectmen began the process of educating themselves and then the Town on the intricacies of a new state law known as District Improvement Financing (DIF). This will allow the Town to borrow money for specific infrastructure improvements on and around the former State School Property, and then repay that borrowed money with only new taxes that will be generated from new businesses on the improved land. At a Special Town Meeting in September, the voters present agreed unanimously to designate a specific District that will be eligible for future infrastructure improvements. This was an important step in advancing much needed business development in that area.

In the fall, many new committees were formed to address issues:

The Town Government Study Committee will examine our current Town Meeting system and offer suggestions for improvement. They will also report on what other forms of government are available to us. Any final decision regarding how we operate will be made by the citizens of town.

A new committee was formed to investigate how a merger between the Fire Department and the EMS Department might be accomplished. A previous committee had recommended a merger and now we need more explicit details about funding, personnel, facilities and other aspects of a merger.

The Community Preservation Committee was formed in order to advise Town Meeting on what specific projects might be funded from the new source of revenue we now have access to. They have held public meetings to define criteria for choosing between competing requests and will be making recommendations at the May 2007 Town Meeting.

The Community Plan that was created has an extensive Implementation Chapter. Many town boards and committees have explicit list of things to do. The Board of Selectmen reviewed its list and is moving forward on numerous items. Many of the areas to be worked on will require input from others boards and departments. Also, the Board has agreed to work with the Planning Board and others to perform the necessary review and revision of the existing plan during the coming year.

All in all, 2006 saw many accomplishments and the beginnings of many projects that will continue into 2007. We are grateful for the efforts put forth by the town employees. Their dedication is truly remarkable and they do amazing work with very limited resources. We are also grateful for the many volunteers who put in untold numbers of hours to make our community the place that we all are proud to call home.

Respectfully submitted

James A Barry, Chairman
Board of Selectmen

Gary L. Brougham, Town Administrator:

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator's office is located in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen's Office in the Finnerty House at One South Main Street. On a regular basis these combined offices are responsible for many of the very essential services and/or municipal permitting and licensing requirements within the Town of Belchertown.

On a day-to-day basis the Town Administrator manages a number of grants and/or loan incentives, workers' compensation claims, insurance that covers all the Town's buildings and properties, human resources, community events, capital planning and budgeting, conflict resolution, preparation for litigation, interviews, disciplinary actions, in addition to the day-to-day operation of the Town. The Town Administrator works very closely with the Board of Selectmen and implements policy and procedure as established by that Board.

The past 12 months have been very busy in the Town Administrator's office as we continue to address routine business in addition to a number of new initiatives. As our world continues to experience change, we are constantly reevaluating and/or implementing new federal, state and regional policies and procedures applicable to terrorist attacks, increased environmental regulations, pandemic disease emergencies and/or any combination thereof. The cost of compliance in these areas is considerable to our town.

In addition, we have also been indirectly involved in the proposed redevelopment of the former Belchertown State School, the new Eastern Hampshire County Courthouse currently under construction on State Street, revisions to the previously approved site plan for the former Parcel E at the Belchertown State School property, and a number of residential development proposals.

For the first time in many years, Belchertown has experienced a significant decline in the number of new single family home building permit applications in 2006. For many years it was typical to expect applications to exceed 100. In 2004 that number fell below expectation for the first time in many, many years with 96 applications. In 2005, there was a further reduction and the year ended with 85 new building permits. Last year (2006), new residential building permit application activity ended at only 58. This is good news and bad news depending on which way you look at the equation. Fewer new homes will eventually lessen the demands on town services; however, fewer new homes equates to less available revenue to the Town almost immediately. Fortunately, business development over the past 12 months has increased at a brisk pace; consequently, loss of residential development dollars will be offset somewhat with the increase of business taxation.

As we have previously mentioned, the task of attracting, permitting, and development of desirable business to our community requires tremendous effort. Although Belchertown is well positioned with available infrastructure to accommodate new business, the balance and positioning of this desirable business that the community will support, without erosion of our quality of life or rural character, is a constant challenge. In spite of this complex challenge, there is also more positive than negative.

The residents of Belchertown enjoy a number of outstanding events with their friends and/or families. Whether it be the Belchertown Fair, a Community Band concert, pancake breakfast at the Fire Station, Living History Days, antique tractor show or farmer's market on the Common, a ballgame at the Belchertown Little League's mini Fenway Park or any other of the many wonderful community events we have grown to enjoy. What makes these events of particular interest is most are planned and executed by volunteers, committees, boards and/or associations who often time work all year to plan and execute a single event.

Volunteerism in Belchertown is alive and well, and our community is the great community it is as a result.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary L. Brougham
Town Administrator

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee is comprised of five non-compensated members who are appointed by the Town Moderator. No member may hold any other elected or appointed Town position during his or her term. The Board of Selectmen, other town officers or other boards do not govern the Committee.

The two primary functions of the Committee are to:

- Serve as an advisory body to Town Meeting regarding fiscal matters;
- Administer the Town's Reserve Fund

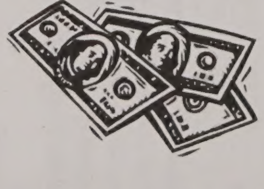
In its advisory capacity, the Committee reviews budget requests for each town department, makes recommendations and presents the Town budget to Annual Town Meeting. The Committee also reviews Warrant Articles that have a financial impact to the Town and makes recommendations on these items at Annual or Special Town Meetings.

The Reserve Fund is the Town's emergency fund. It is utilized to fund unforeseen non-budgeted expenses that are time sensitive and cannot be postponed until Town Meeting. For FY2007, the Reserve Fund was funded at $30,000.

For FY2007 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007) the Town appropriated, through Annual Town Meeting, a total operating budget of $38,073,825. This amount represents a $2,002,607 (5.55%) increase over the FY2006 budget. The table below summarizes the changes in funding for the Town accounts. Accounts not mentioned are level funded for FY2007.

DEPARTMENT	DOLLAR CHANGE	% CHANGE
Town Schools	+$1,432,155	+7.2
Pathfinder Assessment	-$87,759	-10.9
General Government	+$55,863	+4.1
Public Safety Dept.'s	+$147,620	+6.4
DPW Highways	+$115,070	+12.3
DPW Sewer & Landfill	+$75,366	+4.8
Council of Government	+$30,00	- 75.0
Human Services	+$10,808	+2.3
Culture & Recreation	+$26,094	+4.5
DPW Buildings & Grounds	+$39,977	+7.1
Pensions, Insurance	+$269,720	+11.5
Unclassified	+$500	+0.9
Interest, Debt	-$246,757	-1.2

The projected FY2007 revenues are up 6% from FY2006 reflecting a 1% increase in local receipts, a 5% increase in real estate tax assessments and a 12% increase in State aid. This level of increase is up considerably from recent years and has allowed the Town to put forth a balanced budget without reliance on the Stabilization Fund. The balance of the Town's Stabilization Fund was $701,289.44 on December 31,2006.

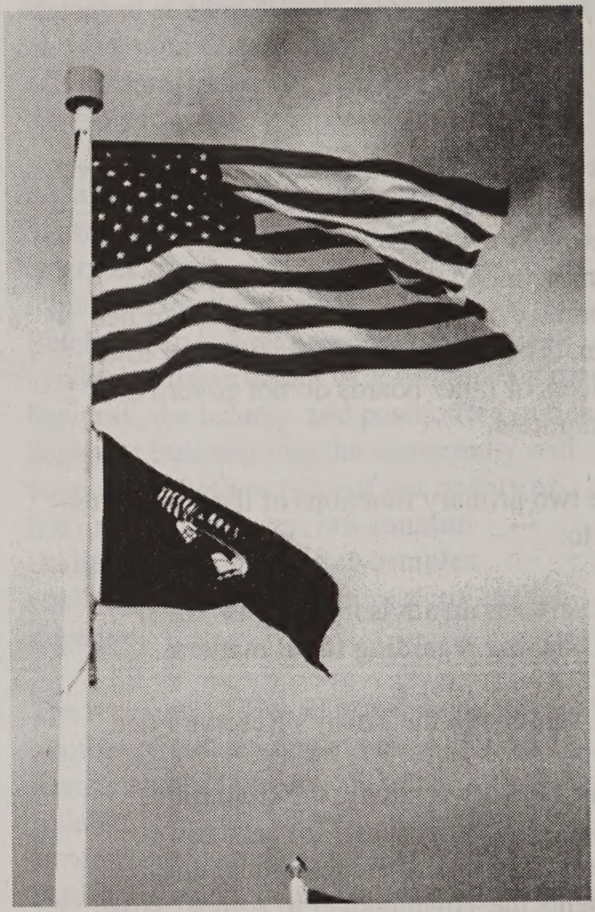


Of the $2,000,549 increase in revenues, higher energy costs consumed $93,288 and increased fringe benefits and insurance costs accounted for another $269,712. Consequently, the Town Schools and General Government were able to fund annual cost of living increases and maintain a level service budget but were not able to undertake necessary capital projects. The Town will need to develop an approach for FY2008 to fund much-needed capital repairs and additions.

The Finance Committee is committed to act responsibly and examine each request made in the Department budgets, which comprise the overall operating budget for the Town. We are also committed to advising the Town Meeting on any capital appropriation in a manner that has reviewed factors including cost efficiency, cost savings and increased service, which will benefit the residents of Belchertown. We are in a position to work collaboratively with the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee during the annual budget process and as needs arise during the fiscal year with the common goal of providing quality services and maintaining prudent financial decision-making. It is with these things in mind that the Finance Committee exercises its responsibility to advise Town Meeting on matters which impact the amount of tax dollars paid by the residents and homeowners of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

Finance Committee
David Reed, Chairman
Daniel Kloss, Vice Chairman
Themis Tsoumas, Clerk
Paul Silva
Steven Rose



Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2006

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
ASSETS								
Cash	2,790,982.24	1,933,238.18	141,860.82	356,036.59	168,269.64	1,691,419.08		7,081,806.55
Petty Cash Advance	0.00	5,036.00						5,036.00
Accounts Receivable:								
Property Taxes	429,694.88							429,694.88
Property Taxes of 2007	8,578,017.44							8,578,017.44
Chapter 61	59,050.73							59,050.73
Excise Taxes	245,298.31							245,298.31
Tax Liens	619,448.01			5,480.00				624,928.01
Special Assessments	110,138.83			4,226,760.44				4,336,899.27
Departmental	275,508.21			199,670.50				475,178.71
Less Allow. for Uncollectible	(219,324.06)							(219,324.06)
Tax Foreclosures	235,689.21							235,689.21
Lieu Taxes	1,756.25							1,756.25
CPA Surcharge Receivable		2,113.19						2,113.19
Due From Other Governments	74,098.78	370,283.37	52,905.10					497,287.25
Amt. To be Provided-Notes Payable	135,000.00	85,000.00						220,000.00
Amt. To be Provided-Pmt of Debt							46,226,369.76	46,226,369.76
Amt. To be Prov.-Compensated Absences							182,534.03	182,534.03
Total Assets	13,335,358.83	2,395,670.74	194,765.92	4,787,947.53	168,269.64	1,691,419.08	46,408,903.79	68,982,335.53

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Balance Sheet
All Types, Funds, and Account Groups
for the Period Ended June 30, 2006

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise	Landfill Enterprise	Fiduciary Trust Funds	Long Term Debt	Totals (Memo Only)
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants Payable	1,574,784.75	185,460.53	231.66	32,157.98	6,900.45			1,799,535.37
Employee Withholdings	214,766.09	5,600.00						220,366.09
Deferred Revenue:								
Property Taxes	8,684,788.26							8,684,788.26
Chapter 61	59,050.73							59,050.73
Excise Taxes	245,298.31							245,298.31
Tax Liens	619,448.01			5,480.00				624,928.01
Special Assessments	110,138.83			4,226,760.44				4,336,899.27
Lieu Taxes	1,756.25							1,756.25
Departmental	275,508.21			199,670.50				475,178.71
Tax Foreclosures	235,689.21							235,689.21
CPA Surcharge Receivable		2,113.19						
Government Receivable	74,098.78	370,283.37	52,905.10					497,287.25
Grant Receivable								0.00
Grant Anticipation Notes Payable								0.00
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable	135,000.00	85,000.00						220,000.00
Unclaimed Checks	13,118.91							13,118.91
Excess on Land of Low Value	29,004.63							29,004.63
Bond Indebtedness							46,226,369.76	46,226,369.76
Compensated Absences							182,534.03	182,534.03
Total Liabilities	12,272,450.97	648,457.09	53,136.76	4,464,068.92	6,900.45	0.00	46,408,903.79	63,853,917.98
Fund Equity:								
Reserve for Encumbrances	334,874.11			949.30				335,823.41
Reserve for Expenditures				182,522.00	74,005.00			256,527.00
Unreserved Fund Balance	728,033.75							728,033.75
Reserved Fund Balance		1,694,902.73	141,629.16	140,407.31	87,364.19	1,691,419.08		3,755,722.47
Title V Septic System Loan		52,310.92						52,310.92
Total Fund Equity	1,062,907.86	1,747,213.65	141,629.16	323,878.61	161,369.19	1,691,419.08	0.00	5,128,417.55
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	13,335,358.83	2,395,670.74	194,765.92	4,787,947.53	168,269.64	1,691,419.08	46,408,903.79	68,982,335.53

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS		
Cash		2,790,982.24
Petty Cash Advance		0.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Property Taxes	429,694.88	
Property Taxes of 2007	8,578,017.44	
Chapter 61	59,050.73	
Excise Taxes	245,298.31	
Tax Liens	619,448.01	
Special Assessments	110,138.83	
Lieu Taxes	1,756.25	
Departmental	275,508.21	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	74,098.78	
Less Allowance for Uncollectible	(219,324.06)	
		10,173,687.38
Due from Other Governments		0.00
Amount to be Provided for Notes Payable		135,000.00
Tax Foreclosure		235,689.21
Total Assets		13,335,358.83
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		1,574,784.75
Employee Withholdings		214,766.09
Deferred Revenue:		
Property Taxes	8,684,788.26	
Chapter 61	59,050.73	
Excise Taxes	245,298.31	
Tax Liens	619,448.01	
Special Assessments	110,138.83	
Lieu Taxes	1,756.25	
Departmental	275,508.21	
Governmental Receivable-Veterans:	74,098.78	
Tax Foreclosures	235,689.21	
		10,305,776.59
BANS Payable		135,000.00
Excess on Land of Low Value		29,004.63
Unclaimed Checks		13,118.91
Total Liabilities		12,272,450.97
FUND EQUITY		
Reserve for Expenditures		0.00
Reserve for Encumbrances		334,874.11
Unreserved Fund Balance		728,033.75
Total Fund Equity		1,062,907.86
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		13,335,358.83

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue - Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

			GRANTS			School			Totals
	CPA	Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	(Memo Only)
ASSETS									
Cash	144,423.82	(52,619.59)	101,288.65	133,424.26	122,781.05	209,968.91	967,105.21	306,865.87	1,933,238.18
Petty Cash Advance							5,036.00		5,036.00
Due From Commonwealth		370,280.32							370,280.32
Amt to be Provided-Notes Payable				85,000.00					85,000.00
Surcharge Receivable	2,113.19								2,113.19
Due from Federal Government			0.05				3.00		3.05
Total Assets	146,537.01	317,660.73	101,288.70	218,424.26	122,781.05	209,968.91	972,144.21	306,865.87	2,395,670.74
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY									
Liabilities:									
Warrants Payable		1,815.52	73,170.72	8,404.62	7,298.29	36,281.93	52,531.63	5,957.82	185,460.53
Deferred Rev - Gov't Receivable		370,280.32	0.05				3.00		370,283.37
Employee Withholdings								5,600.00	5,600.00
Bond Anticipation Note				85,000.00					85,000.00
Deferred Rev - Surcharge Rec'ble	2,113.19								2,113.19
Deferred Rev - Grant Receivable									0.00
Total Liabilities	2,113.19	372,095.84	73,170.77	93,404.62	7,298.29	36,281.93	52,534.63	11,557.82	648,457.09
Fund Equity:									
Desig. for Subs Years Expense	144,423.82	(54,435.11)	28,117.93	125,019.64	115,482.76	173,686.98	867,298.66	295,308.05	1,694,902.73
Title V Septic System Loan							52,310.92		52,310.92
Total Fund Equity	144,423.82	(54,435.11)	28,117.93	125,019.64	115,482.76	173,686.98	919,609.58	295,308.05	1,747,213.65
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	146,537.01	317,660.73	101,288.70	218,424.26	122,781.05	209,968.91	972,144.21	306,865.87	2,395,670.74

Capital Projects Fund
Combined Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

	High School	Police Station Sr. Center	WWTP Upgrade PVP/Tri-Lakes	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS					
Cash	0.00	10,520.66	125,370.45	5,969.71	141,860.82
WPAT Receivable			52,905.10		52,905.10
U.S.D.A. Grant Receivable			0.00		0.00
Amt. To be Prov. For Notes Pay.			0.00		0.00
Total Assets	0.00	10,520.66	178,275.55	5,969.71	194,765.92
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities:					
Warrants Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00	231.66	231.66
Deferred Rev.-WPAT Rec'ble			52,905.10		52,905.10
Deferred Rev.-USDA Grant			0.00		0.00
Bond Anticipation Note			0.00		0.00
Grant Anticipation Note Payabl			0.00		0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00	0.00	52,905.10	231.66	53,136.76
Fund Equity:					
Reserved Fund Balance	0.00	10,520.66	125,370.45	5,738.05	141,629.16
Total Fund Equity	0.00	10,520.66	125,370.45	5,738.05	141,629.16
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	0.00	10,520.66	178,275.55	5,969.71	194,765.92

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS		
Cash		356,036.59
Accounts Receivable:		
Sewer Liens Added to Taxes	6,987.14	
Sewer User Fees	192,683.36	
Assessments	4,226,760.44	
Due from Tax Liens - Sewer	5,480.00	
		4,431,910.94
Total Assets		4,787,947.53
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Warrants Payable		32,157.98
Deferred Revenue:		
Sewer Liens	6,987.14	
Sewer User Fees	192,683.36	
Assessments	4,226,760.44	
Tax Liens - Sewer	5,480.00	
		4,431,910.94
Total Liabilities		4,464,068.92
Fund Equity:		
Reserved for Expenditure		182,522.00
Reserved for Encumbrance		949.30
Retained Earnings		140,407.31
Total Fund Equity		323,878.61
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity		4,787,947.53

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash	168,269.64
Total Assets	168,269.64
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	6,900.45
Total Liabilities	6,900.45
Fund Equity:	
Reserve for Expenditures	74,005.00
Retained Earnings	87,364.19
Total Fund Equity	161,369.19
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	168,269.64

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Fund
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash	742,181.43
Total Assets	742,181.43
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	742,181.43
Total Fund Balance	742,181.43
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	742,181.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash	949,237.65
Total Assets	949,237.65
LIABILITIES & FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities:	
Warrants Payable	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balances:	
Reserved	949,237.65
Total Fund Equity	949,237.65
Total Liabilities & Fund Equity	949,237.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Long Term Debt Group
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2006

	SPED Loar of 2001	High School 2001	Daigle Well Loan	Tri-Lakes Incl. JBMS/04 Cap Loan-'05	Elementary School Loan '96	WWTP Upgrade/Exp MWPAT	Sewer Stadler St. MWPAT	Sewer Springfield Rc MWPAT	Sewer Pine Valley MWPAT	FmHA USDA Pine Valley Springfield Rd	Septic Loan MWPAT	Sr. Center Loan	Sewer TriLakes #1 MWPAT	Sewer TriLakes #2 MWPAT	Unfunded Vacation Leave	Unfunded Sick Leave	Totals (Memo. Only)
ASSETS																	
Amt to be Provided for Pmt of Debt	0.00	25,870,000.00	247,000.00	1,340,000.00	4,820,000.00	5,988,300.00	384,495.00	457,759.00	968,674.00	18,277.92	58,037.84	660,000.00	1,733,043.00	3,680,783.00			46,226,369.76
Amt to be Provided for Comp. Absence															18,323.44	164,210.59	182,534.03
Total Assets	0.00	25,870,000.00	247,000.00	1,340,000.00	4,820,000.00	5,988,300.00	384,495.00	457,759.00	968,674.00	18,277.92	58,037.84	660,000.00	1,733,043.00	3,680,783.00	18,323.44	164,210.59	46,408,903.79
LIABILITIES																	
Bond Indebtedness	0.00	25,870,000.00	247,000.00	1,340,000.00	4,820,000.00	5,988,300.00	384,495.00	457,759.00	968,674.00	18,277.92	58,037.84	660,000.00	1,733,043.00	3,680,783.00			46,226,369.76
Compensated Absences															18,323.44	164,210.59	182,534.03
Total Liabilities	0.00	25,870,000.00	247,000.00	1,340,000.00	4,820,000.00	5,988,300.00	384,495.00	457,759.00	968,674.00	18,277.92	58,037.84	660,000.00	1,733,043.00	3,680,783.00	18,323.44	164,210.59	46,408,903.79

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Revenue:							
Taxes	16,635,138.44						16,635,138.44
State Receipts	13,806,827.72						13,806,827.72
Excise Taxes	1,560,486.72						1,560,486.72
Tax Liens	178,370.19						178,370.19
Lieu Taxes	196,245.04						196,245.04
Licenses & Permits	218,655.84						218,655.84
Special Assessments	27,223.96						27,223.96
Interest	354,062.62	13,521.45		5,537.30		72,031.68	445,153.05
Fines & Forfeits	60,882.00						60,882.00
Departmental Revenue	271,927.79	2,351,576.29		1,161,436.79	258,794.07		4,043,734.94
Fees	104,108.56						104,108.56
Rentals	61,843.42						61,843.42
Umass Transit	32,489.00						32,489.00
Other Miscellaneous	34,323.77	471,079.70					505,403.47
Grants		2,887,874.24					2,887,874.24
Performance Guarantees		1,500.00					1,500.00
Gifts		172,503.62					172,503.62
Temporary Loans	135,000.00	208,200.00					343,200.00
MWPAT			30,914.04				30,914.04
Bond Proceeds							0.00
Total Revenues	33,677,585.07	6,106,255.30	30,914.04	1,166,974.09	258,794.07	72,031.68	41,312,554.25
Expenditures:							
General Government	1,386,428.87	337,589.59					1,724,018.46
Protection of Persons & Property	2,303,052.74	198,746.02					2,501,798.76
Education	20,851,799.05	3,196,635.64					24,048,434.69
Public Works	1,678,646.44	525,973.03		621,441.67	251,997.56		3,078,058.70
Human Services	523,108.03	241,500.98				16,778.93	781,387.94
Culture & Recreation	569,663.66	274,914.40					844,578.06

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS			ENTERPRISE FUNDS		FIDUCIARY TYPE	TOTALS
	General Fund	Special Rev.	Capital Funds	Sewer	Landfill	Expendable Trusts	(Memo. Only)
Expenditures (continued):							
Insurance & Unclassified	2,355,939.71						2,355,939.71
Debt & Interest	3,819,713.46	508,200.00		760,316.96			5,088,230.42
State Assessments	522,599.00						522,599.00
Prior Year Expenditures	256,162.01						256,162.01
Land Purchase							0.00
Construction			19,249.83				19,249.83
Equipment			125,270.88				125,270.88
Return of Unexpended Funds			0.00				0.00
Temporary Loan							0.00
Total Expenditures	34,267,112.97	5,283,559.66	144,520.71	1,381,758.63	251,997.56	16,778.93	41,345,728.46
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(589,527.90)	822,695.64	(113,606.67)	(214,784.54)	6,796.51	55,252.75	(33,174.21)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):							
Operating Transfers In	1,120,331.05	38,200.00	0.00	246,506.00	321.00	300,000.00	1,705,358.05
Operating Transfers Out	546,827.00	394,700.00	327,971.05	0.00	0.00	435,860.00	1,705,358.05
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	573,504.05	(356,500.00)	(327,971.05)	246,506.00	321.00	(135,860.00)	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Fin. Uses	(16,023.85)	466,195.64	(441,577.72)	31,721.46	7,117.51	(80,607.25)	(33,174.21)
Audit Adjustment	(5,223.70)						(5,223.70)
Fund Balance 7-1-05	1,084,155.41	1,281,582.21	583,206.88	292,157.15	154,251.68	1,029,844.90	4,425,198.23
Fund Balance 6-30-06	1,062,907.86	1,747,777.85	141,629.16	323,878.61	161,369.19	949,237.65	4,386,800.32

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
General Fund
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Taxes	16,712,796.67	16,635,138.44	(77,658.23)
State Receipts	13,789,470.00	13,806,827.72	17,357.72
Excise Taxes	1,605,500.00	1,560,486.72	(45,013.28)
Tax Liens	0.00	178,370.19	178,370.19
Lieu Taxes	200,000.00	196,245.04	(3,754.96)
Licenses & Permits	240,000.00	218,655.84	(21,344.16)
Special Assessments	19,970.00	27,223.96	7,253.96
Interest	295,000.00	354,062.62	59,062.62
Fines & Forfeits	91,300.00	60,882.00	(30,418.00)
Departmental Revenue	419,500.00	271,927.79	(147,572.21)
Fees	70,740.00	104,108.56	33,368.56
Rentals	55,000.00	61,843.42	6,843.42
Umass Transit	30,700.00	32,489.00	1,789.00
Other (Misc + Mema)	0.00	34,323.77	34,323.77
Temporary Loans	0.00	135,000.00	135,000.00
Total Revenues	33,529,976.67	33,677,585.07	147,608.40
Expenditures:			
General Government	1,416,628.20	1,386,428.87	30,199.33
Protection of Persons & Property	2,314,869.00	2,303,052.74	11,816.26
Education	20,947,631.00	20,851,799.05	95,831.95
Public Works	1,696,646.11	1,678,646.44	17,999.67
Human Services	539,161.00	523,108.03	16,052.97
Culture & Recreation	583,272.00	569,663.66	13,608.34
Insurance & Unclassified	2,693,757.17	2,355,939.71	337,817.46
Debt & Interest	3,819,770.00	3,819,713.46	56.54
State Assessments	563,063.00	522,599.00	40,464.00
Prior Year Expenditures	262,775.18	256,162.01	6,613.17
Total Expenditures	34,837,572.66	34,267,112.97	570,459.69
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(589,527.90)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Operating Transfers In	1,120,331.05	1,120,331.05	
Operating Transfers Out	546,827.00	546,827.00	
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	573,504.05	573,504.05	
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financing Uses		(16,023.85)	
Audit Adjustments		(5,223.70)	
Fund Balance 7/1/05		1,084,155.41	
Fund Balance 6/30/06		1,062,907.86	

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY07
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Moderator	$25.00	$25.00	$0.00	
Selectmen	$18,916.00	$17,967.20	$948.80	
Town Administrator	$162,608.00	$161,598.24	$1,009.76	
Ch. 137 Military Leave Pay	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Cable Access TV Operations	$1,500.00	$1,469.20	$30.80	
Finance Committee	$250.00	$185.00	$65.00	
Reserve Fund	$2,500.00	$0.00	$2,500.00 *	
Town Accountant	$150,451.00	$150,051.13	$399.87	
MIS Director	$219,823.00	$216,006.83	$3,816.17	
Assessors	$249,500.00	$232,484.59	$17,015.41	$2,200.00
Treasurer/Collector	$232,776.00	$232,629.50	$146.50	
Law Account	$121,800.00	$121,799.99	$0.01	
Town Clerk	$86,104.00	$86,085.95	$18.05	
Election & Registration	$15,220.00	$15,212.43	$7.57	
Conservation Commission	$62,150.00	$62,148.09	$1.91	
Pioneer Valley Planning	$1,945.20	$1,945.20	$0.00	
Planning Board	$84,365.00	$81,920.42	$2,444.58	$1,550.00
Zoning Board of Appeals	$2,695.00	$1,873.98	$821.02	
EDIC	$300.00	$268.32	$31.68	
Mobile Home Rent Control	$100.00	$0.00	$100.00	
Printing Town Report	$3,500.00	$2,757.80	$742.20	
	$1,416,628.20	$1,386,428.87	$30,199.33	$3,750.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
Police Department	$1,458,338.00	$1,458,110.46	$227.54	
Fire Department	$284,890.00	$284,530.26	$359.74	
Hydrant Service	$22,515.00	$22,514.40	$0.60	
EMS	$403,457.00	$400,544.48	$2,912.52	$21.00
Injured on Duty	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	
Inspection Services	$114,753.00	$108,249.98	$6,503.02	$65.60
Civil Defense	$1,520.00	$1,520.00	$0.00	
Dog Officer	$28,396.00	$27,583.16	$812.84	
	$2,314,869.00	$2,303,052.74	$11,816.26	$86.60
EDUCATION				
Town Schools	$20,145,839.00	$20,050,007.05	$95,831.95	$24,701.28
Regional School	$801,792.00	$801,792.00	$0.00	
	$20,947,631.00	$20,851,799.05	$95,831.95	$24,701.28

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2006

PUBLIC WORKS	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY07
Personal Services	$557,467.00	$552,193.60	$5,273.40	
Professional Engineering	$12,650.00	$11,887.50	$762.50	
Administration	$5,825.00	$5,792.06	$32.94	
Snow & Ice Control	$227,550.00	$227,436.73	$113.27	
Street Lighting	$34,300.00	$33,117.90	$1,182.10	
Road Machinery	$106,366.00	$106,362.23	$3.77	
Streets/Construction/Maint.	$64,100.00	$63,885.33	$214.67	
Town Garage	$26,192.00	$25,835.26	$356.74	
Hired Services	$72,328.00	$72,325.19	$2.81	
Maintenance/Grounds	$293,797.00	$289,743.61	$4,053.39	$58.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	$49,442.00	$49,441.75	$0.25	
Finnerty House	$5,485.00	$5,030.28	$454.72	
EMS Building	$10,680.00	$10,244.79	$435.21	
Police Station	$47,173.00	$47,172.33	$0.67	
Senior Center Building	$41,479.00	$41,478.60	$0.40	
Recreation Building	$26,180.00	$24,896.92	$1,283.08	
Freedom Center	$23,604.00	$23,135.15	$468.85	$434.08
Berkshire Building	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	
Franklin School Building	$1,000.00	$873.75	$126.25	
Fire Station	$28,828.00	$28,827.04	$0.96	
Old Town Hall	$8,354.00	$8,036.32	$317.68	
Town Common	$2,200.00	$1,991.40	$208.60	
Town Clock	$600.00	$300.00	$300.00	
Cemetery Department	$31,511.00	$29,103.59	$2,407.41	
	$1,677,111.00	$1,659,111.33	$17,999.67	$492.08

HUMAN SERVICES	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY07
Board of Health	$20,640.00	$8,446.34	$12,193.66	
Quabbin Health District	$107,880.00	$107,880.00	$0.00	
Council on Aging	$298,267.00	$294,635.69	$3,631.31	
Veterans' Services	$112,374.00	$112,146.00	$228.00	
	$539,161.00	$523,108.03	$16,052.97	$0.00

CULTURE & RECREATION	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY07
Clapp Memorial Library	$324,043.00	$322,676.74	$1,366.26	
Recreation Department	$177,236.00	$170,905.12	$6,330.88	
Recreation - Pool	$44,898.00	$40,114.86	$4,783.14	
Teen Center Operating	$29,890.00	$29,770.80	$119.20	
Town Beach	$3,057.00	$3,023.14	$33.86	
Family Center	$3,000.00	$3,000.00	$0.00	
Historical Commission	$500.00	$0.00	$500.00	
Historic District	$348.00	$173.00	$175.00	
Patriotic Exercises	$300.00	$0.00	$300.00	
	$583,272.00	$569,663.66	$13,608.34	$0.00

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY07
INSURANCE & UNCLASSIFIED				
Unclassified	$51,925.00	$51,484.76	$440.24	
Council of Governments	$40,000.00	$40,000.00	$0.00	
Pensions	$1,199,231.00	$1,199,231.00	$0.00	
Workers' Compensation	$1,000.00	$0.00	$1,000.00	
Unemployment	$5,000.00	$0.00	$5,000.00	
Health Insurance-Town Share	$650,000.00	$634,065.68	$15,934.32	
Group Life-Town Share	$4,000.00	$3,055.42	$944.58	
Medicare-Town Share	$65,000.00	$58,978.30	$6,021.70	
General Insurance	$348,820.81	$344,172.64	$4,648.17	
Unpaid Bills - Prior Year	$809.31	$809.31	$0.00	
Cold Spring School Renov.	$327,971.05	$24,142.60	$303,828.45	$303,828.45
	$2,693,757.17	$2,355,939.71	$337,817.46	$303,828.45
DEBT & INTEREST				
Maturing Debt	$2,209,876.00	$2,209,875.17	$0.83	
Interest	$1,609,894.00	$1,609,838.29	$55.71	
	$3,819,770.00	$3,819,713.46	$56.54	$0.00
ENCUMBERED FUNDS				
General Government	$7,950.00	$5,750.00	$2,200.00	
Protection of Persons & Prop.	$2,682.56	$2,682.56	$0.00	
School Department	$25,688.81	$23,463.81	$2,225.00	
Human Services	$450.00	$450.00	$0.00	
Insurance & Unclassified	$226,003.81	$223,815.64	$2,188.17	$2,015.70
	$262,775.18	$256,162.01	$6,613.17	$2,015.70

Town of Belchertown
Statement of Expenditures Compared with Authorizations
For Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Encumbered to FY07
SUMMARY				
General Government	$1,416,628.20	$1,386,428.87	$30,199.33	$3,750.00
Protection of Persons/Property	$2,314,869.00	$2,303,052.74	$11,816.26	$86.60
Education	$20,947,631.00	$20,851,799.05	$95,831.95	$24,701.28
Public Works	$1,677,111.00	$1,659,111.33	$17,999.67	$492.08
Human Services	$539,161.00	$523,108.03	$16,052.97	$0.00
Culture & Recreation	$583,272.00	$569,663.66	$13,608.34	$0.00
Insurance & Unclassified	$2,693,757.17	$2,355,939.71	$337,817.46	$303,828.45
Debt & Interest	$3,819,770.00	$3,819,713.46	$56.54	$0.00
	$33,992,199.37	$33,468,816.85	$523,382.52	$332,858.41
Encumbered Funds	$262,775.18	$256,162.01	$6,613.17	$2,015.70
TOTALS	$34,254,974.55	$33,724,978.86	$529,995.69	$334,874.11

*Reserve fund transfers not shown as expense. Budget amt is ending balance amt.

FEMA funds reduced from expenses

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2006

	Loan Issued	Rate	Outstanding 7/1/2005	Reduced FY2006	Outstanding 6/30/2006	Due In FY2007
Daigle Well Water Loan	1994	5.00	278,000.00	31,000.00	247,000.00	31,000.00
School Loans:						
Elementary	1996	4.87	5,225,000.00	405,000.00	4,820,000.00	430,000.00
High School	2002	4.50	27,490,000.00	1,620,000.00	25,870,000.00	1,620,000.00
Buildings:						
Sr. Center	2002	4.50	715,000.00	55,000.00	660,000.00	55,000.00
JBMS/LMH Roof/Shed	2005	4.00	940,000.00	80,000.00	860,000.00	75,000.00
Sewer Loans:						
WWTP	1999	0.00	6,384,400.00	396,100.00	5,988,300.00	405,500.00
Stadler Street	1999	0.00	406,646.00	22,151.00	384,495.00	22,690.00
Springfield Road	1999	0.00	484,194.00	26,435.00	457,759.00	27,077.00
Pine Valley	1999	0.00	1,024,662.00	55,988.00	968,674.00	57,334.00
USDA Pine Valley	2003	4.50	28,828.63	10,550.71	18,277.92	11,025.49
TriLakes Bond #1	2004	0.00	1,808,769.00	75,726.00	1,733,043.00	76,928.00
TriLakes Bond #2	2004	0.00	3,841,465.00	160,682.00	3,680,783.00	161,014.98
TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	441,000.00	31,000.00	410,000.00	30,000.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	61,913.01	3,875.17	58,037.84	3,875.17
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	85,000.00	15,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00
Schools:						
SPED Loan	2001	0.00	32,000.00	32,000.00	0.00	32,000.00
			49,246,877.64	3,020,507.88	46,226,369.76	3,048,444.64

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

	CPA	Highways	GRANTS			School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
			Federal	State	School Lunch				
Revenues:									
Grants		705,955.64	919,448.80	754,403.82	147,349.98		360,716.00		2,887,874.24
Collections & Fees			40,199.24	22,785.25	630,341.93	437,737.61	1,090,302.46	130,209.80	2,351,576.29
Interest	1957.96				2030.87		904.74	8,627.88	13,521.45
Performance Guarantees								1,500.00	1,500.00
Gifts			974.20				171,529.42		172,503.62
Temporary Loans				208,200.00					208,200.00
Other	141,942.49						8,886.00	320,251.21	471,079.70
Total Revenues	143,900.45	705,955.64	960,622.24	985,389.07	779,722.78	437,737.61	1,632,338.62	460,588.89	6,106,255.30
Expenditures:									
General Government				275,000.00			28,535.59	34,054.00	337,589.59
Protection of Persons & Property			13,080.53	80,112.86			23,978.45	81,574.18	198,746.02
Education			783,222.30	109,925.68	775,784.61	460,375.26	745,338.91	321,988.88	3,196,635.64
Department of Public Works		438,886.36		0.00			81,926.67	5,160.00	525,973.03
Human Services			183,637.26	39,414.59			18,449.13		241,500.98
Culture & Recreation				11,637.10			261,777.30	1,500.00	274,914.40
Debt & Interest				508,200.00					508,200.00
Total Expenditures	0.00	438,886.36	979,940.09	1,024,290.23	775,784.61	460,375.26	1,160,006.05	444,277.06	5,283,559.66
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	143,900.45	267,069.28	(19,317.85)	(38,901.16)	3,938.17	(22,637.65)	472,332.57	16,311.83	822,695.64
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In				38,200.00					38,200.00
Operating Transfers Out							394,700.00		394,700.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,200.00	0.00	0.00	(394,700.00)	0.00	(356,500.00)

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Special Revenue Fund
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

			GRANTS						
		Highways	Federal	State	School Lunch	School Revolvings	Departmental	Agency Funds	Totals (Memo Only)
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Financ. Uses	143,900.45	267,069.28	(19,317.85)	(701.16)	3,938.17	(22,637.65)	77,632.57	16,311.83	466,195.64
Balance 7-1-05	523.37	(321,504.39)	47,435.78	543,764.93	111,544.59	196,324.63	418,896.88	284,596.22	1,281,582.01
Balance 6-30-06	144,423.82	(54,435.11)	28,117.93	543,063.77	115,482.76	173,686.98	496,529.45	300,908.05	1,747,777.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Capital Projects Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

	High School	Police Station/ Sr. Center	WWTP & Other Sewer	Health Grant	Totals (Memo. Only)
Revenues:					
MWPAT			30,914.04		$30,914.04
USDA Grant					$0.00
USDA Loan					$0.00
Temporary Loans					$0.00
Bond Proceeds					$0.00
Total Revenue	0.00	0.00	30,914.04	0.00	$30,914.04
Expenditures:					
Construction			$19,249.83		$19,249.83
Equipment			$118,285.63	$6,985.25	$125,270.88
Return of Unexpended Funds					$0.00
Temporary Loans					$0.00
Total Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	$137,535.46	$6,985.25	$144,520.71
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	$0.00	$0.00	($106,621.42)	($6,985.25)	($113,606.67)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In					$0.00
Operation Transfers Out	-$327,971.05				-$327,971.05
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	($327,971.05)	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	($327,971.05)
Excess Revenues & Other Finan. Sources Over (Under) Expenditures & Other Finan. Uses	($327,971.05)	$0.00	($106,621.42)	($6,985.25)	($441,577.72)
Fund Balance 7-1-05	$327,971.05	$10,520.66	$231,991.87	$12,723.30	$583,206.88
Fund Balance 6-30-06	$0.00	$10,520.66	$125,370.45	$5,738.05	$141,629.16

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Sewer Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for the Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	743,042.00	805,844.66	62,802.66
Sewer Assessments	260,000.00	313,557.13	53,557.13
Sewer Connections	30,000.00	42,000.00	12,000.00
Interest	0.00	5,537.30	5,537.30
Dumping Fees	0.00	35.00	35.00
Total Revenue	1,033,042.00	1,166,974.09	133,932.09
Expenditures:			
Environmental	628,553.00	621,441.67	7,111.33
Debt & Interest	760,630.00	760,316.96	313.04
Total Expenditures	1,389,183.00	1,381,758.63	7,424.37
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		(214,784.54)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	246,506.00	246,506.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	246,506.00	246,506.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		31,721.46	
Fund Balance 7/1/05		292,157.15	
Fund Balance 6/30/06		323,878.61	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Landfill Enterprise Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ending June 30, 2006

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenue:			
User Fees	171,454.00	254,160.75	82,706.75
Sale of Recycling	0.00	4,633.32	4,633.32
Total Revenue	171,454.00	258,794.07	87,340.07
Expenditures:			
Environmental	252,021.00	251,997.56	23.44
Hazardous Waste			
Total Expenditures	252,021.00	251,997.56	23.44
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures		6,796.51	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	321.00	321.00	0.00
Operating Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Financing Sources (Uses)	321.00	321.00	0.00
Excess of Revenues & Other Financing Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing (Uses)		7,117.51	
Fund Balance 7/1/05		154,251.68	
Fund Balance 6/30/06		161,369.19	

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Non-Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
for Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Balance 7/1/2005	Additions	Balance 6/30/2006
Poor Funds:			
Susan M. D. Bridgman	512,860.69		512,860.69
Whiting Street	10,000.00		10,000.00
School Funds:			
George W. Longley Music	2,000.00		2,000.00
Calvin Bridgman High School	6,000.00		6,000.00
Library Fund:			
Calvin Bridgman Library	4,000.00		4,000.00
Town Clock Fund:			
Fank Scialla Memorial	2,100.00		2,100.00
Senior Center Fund:			
Senior Center Memorial	0.00		0.00
Penson Fund:			
Pensions	10,000.00		10,000.00
Retirement Trust	72,933.60		72,933.60
Cemetery Funds:			
Perpetual Care	114,787.14	4,500.00	119,287.14
Susan M. D. Bridgman	200.00		200.00
Nellie E. Brown	1,000.00		1,000.00
Willard Stebbins	1,500.00		1,500.00
Vianna E. Somes	300.00		300.00
	737,681.43	4,500.00	742,181.43

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Expendable Trust Funds
Statement of Changes in Fund Balance
For Period Ended June 30, 2006

	Balance 7/1/2005	Additions	Income	Expended	Transferred In/(Out)	Reserved	Undes Fund Balance	Balance 6/30/2006
Poor Funds:								
Susan M. D. Bridgman	$154,686.26		$33,374.88	$16,719.93			$171,341.21	$171,341.21
Whiting Street	$39,782.59		$1,803.53				$41,586.12	$41,586.12
School Funds:								
George W. Longley Music	$3,887.58		$213.31				$4,100.89	$4,100.89
Calvin Bridgman High School	$11,470.09		$632.92				$12,103.01	$12,103.01
Library Fund:								
Calvin Bridgman Library	$958.94		$179.66				$1,138.60	$1,138.60
Town Clock Fund:								
Fank Scialla Memorial	$2,779.54		$176.78				$2,956.32	$2,956.32
Senior Center Fund:								
Senior Center Memorial	$19,658.89		$712.23				$20,371.12	$20,371.12
Cemetery Funds:								
Perpetual Care	$7,612.97		$5,282.50				$12,895.47	$12,895.47
Susan M.D. Bridgman	$1,140.34		$48.55				$1,188.89	$1,188.89
Nellie E. Brown	$2,780.61		$136.75	$59.00			$2,858.36	$2,858.36
Willard Stebbins	$1,637.45		$113.68				$1,751.13	$1,751.13
Vianna E. Somes	$2,101.50		$86.99				$2,188.49	$2,188.49
E. Schmidt Memorial	$0.00						$0.00	$0.00
Penson Fund	$15,104.65		$1,070.36				$16,175.01	$16,175.01
Retirement Trust	$4,347.28		($636.90)	*unrealized gain adjustment			$3,710.38	$3,710.38
Conservation Fund	$706.41		$25.60				$732.01	$732.01
Stabilization Fund	$666,872.28	$300,000.00	$25,393.85		($435,860.00)		$556,406.13	$556,406.13
Workers' Compensation Fund	$94,317.52		$3,416.99				$97,734.51	$97,734.51
	$1,029,844.90	$300,000.00	$72,031.68	$16,778.93	($435,860.00)	$0.00	$949,237.65	$949,237.65

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts

Amortization Schedule
June 30, 2006

	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	3,016,537.00	2,142,183.32	5,158,720.32
2008	3,051,271.00	1,994,935.93	5,046,206.93
2009	3,067,841.00	1,850,193.26	4,918,034.26
2010	3,116,035.00	1,709,984.94	4,826,019.94
2011	3,158,529.00	1,578,305.70	4,736,834.70
2012	3,203,146.00	1,418,483.88	4,621,629.88
2013	3,024,883.00	1,531,388.70	4,556,271.70
2014	3,314,561.00	1,164,346.76	4,478,907.76
2015	3,340,127.00	1,003,162.55	4,343,289.55
2016	2,710,191.00	840,916.75	3,551,107.75
2017	2,730,624.00	713,580.18	3,444,204.18
2018	2,766,188.00	566,009.13	3,332,197.13
2019	2,786,921.00	440,409.14	3,227,330.14
2020	2,195,785.00	349,414.74	2,545,199.74
2021	1,970,717.00	217,700.60	2,188,417.60
2022	1,976,614.00	123,154.04	2,099,768.04
2023	371,546.00	28,112.55	399,658.55
2024	376,478.00	9,411.95	385,889.95
	46,177,994.00	17,681,694.12	63,859,688.12

Town of Belchertown, Massachusetts
Schedule of Indebtedness
June 30, 2006

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TriLakes Ineligible Exp.	2005	4.00	441,000.00	31,000.00	410,000.00	30,000.00
Board of Health: Title V	1999	0.00	61,913.01	3,875.17	58,037.84	3,875.17
Equipment: Capital 04	2005	4.00	85,000.00	15,000.00	70,000.00	10,000.00
Schools:						
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REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER
JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30,2006

CASH ON HAND 6/30/2005	$ 6,123,260.12	PAYMENTS AS AUTHORIZED	$ 46,074,148.11
RECEIPTS	$ 47,032,694.54	CASH ON HAND 6/30/2006	$ 7,081,806.55
	$ 53,155,954.66		$ 53,155,954.66

INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS DEPOSITS, INVESTMENTS, BUT EXCLUDING TRUST FUNDS, SPECIAL ACCTS & STABILIZATION FUND $ 169,022.36

TRUST FUNDS AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNT	**BALANCE 6/30/2005**	DEPOSITS	INTEREST & DIVIDENDS	TRANSFERS&W/D	**BALANCE 6/30/2006**
SCHOOL FUNDS					
C. BRIDGMAN (H.S.)	$ 17,470.09		$ 632.92		$ 18,103.01
GEORGE LONGLEY	$ 5,887.58		$ 213.31		$ 6,100.89
CEMETERY FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 1,340.34		$ 48.55		$ 1,388.89
WILLARD STEBBINS	$ 3,137.45		$ 113.68		$ 3,251.13
VIANNA SOMES	$ 2,401.50		$ 86.99		$ 2,488.49
NELLIE BROWN	$ 3,780.61		$ 136.75	$ (59.00)	$ 3,858.36
PERPETUAL CARE	$ 124,805.66	$ 4,500.00	$ 5,282.50	$ (2,405.55)	$ 132,182.61
POOR FUNDS					
SUSAN BRIDGMAN	$ 667,546.95		$ 33,364.45	$ (16,719.93)	$ 684,191.47
WHITING STREET	$ 49,782.59		$ 1,803.53		$ 51,586.12
MISC FUNDS					
F. SCIALLA (CLOCK)	$ 4,879.54		$ 176.78		$ 5,056.32
C. BRIDGMAN (LIBRARY)	$ 4,958.94		$ 179.66		$ 5,138.60
CONSERVATION	$ 706.41		$ 25.60		$ 732.01
SENIOR CENTER	$ 19,658.89		$ 712.23		$ 20,371.12
PENSION RESERVE	$ 25,104.65		$ 1,070.36		$ 26,175.01
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 666,872.28		$ 25,393.85	$ (135,860.00)	$ 556,406.13
WORKERS COMPENSATION TRUST	$ 94,317.52		$ 3,416.99		$ 97,734.51
TOTALS	$ 1,692,651.00	$ 4,500.00	$ 72,658.15	$ (155,044.48)	$ 1,614,764.67

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FUNDS BORROWED DURING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2005 - JUNE 30, 2006

NOTE & PURPOSE	FROM	DATED		AMOUNT	DUE DATE	INTEREST RATE
#968 LAND PURCHASE-TOPPING FARM	CAPE COD FIVE CENTS SVNGS	7/29/2005	$	123,200.00	8/31/2005	2.65%
#969 LAND PURCHASE- TOPPING & FULLER	BANK WESTERN MASS	8/31/2005	$	220,000.00	8/31/2006	3.27%

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FISCAL 1975 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005			$	101.20
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	101.20		
	$	101.20	$	101.20
FISCAL 1976 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	234.60
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	234.60		
	$	234.60	$	234.60
FISCAL 1979 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	891.48
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	891.48		
	$	891.48	$	891.48
FISCAL 1980 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	957.60
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	957.60		
	$	957.60	$	957.60
FISCAL 1981 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	792.40
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	792.40		
	$	792.40	$	792.40
FISCAL 1982 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	1,163.14
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	1,163.14		
	$	1,163.14	$	1,163.14
FISCAL 1984 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	72.59
COLLECTED	$	72.59		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	-		
	$	72.59	$	72.59
FISCAL 1988 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	64.36
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	64.36		
	$	64.36	$	64.36
FISCAL 1989 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	100.93
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	100.93		
	$	100.93	$	100.93
FISCAL 1990 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	112.47
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	112.47		
	$	112.47	$	112.47

FISCAL 1991 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	314.10
COLLECTED	$	28.07		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	286.03		
	$	314.10	$	314.10
FISCAL 1992 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	151.57
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	151.57		
	$	151.57	$	151.57
FISCAL 1993 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	1,123.00
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	1,123.00		
	$	1,123.00	$	1,123.00
FISCAL 1994 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	1,213.94
COLLECTED	$	228.17		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	985.77		
	$	1,213.94	$	1,213.94
FISCAL 1995 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	867.91
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	867.91		
	$	867.91	$	867.91
FISCAL 1996 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	225.90
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	225.90		
	$	225.90	$	225.90
FISCAL 1997 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	3,163.80
COLLECTED	$	142.14		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	3,021.66		
	$	3,163.80	$	3,163.80
FISCAL 1998 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	307.20
COLLECTED	$	114.04		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	193.16		
	$	307.20	$	307.20
FISCAL 1999 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	2,103.20
COLLECTED	$	-		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	2,103.20		
	$	2,103.20	$	2,103.20
FISCAL 2002 REAL ESTATE				
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005			$	35,258.07
COLLECTED	$	19,921.46		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$	15,336.61		
	$	35,258.07	$	35,258.07

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FISCAL 2003 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 24,651.33
COLLECTED	$ 1,181.05	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 23,470.28	
	$ 24,651.33	$ 24,651.33

FISCAL 2004 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 27,681.68
TO TAX TITLE	$ 1,877.98	
COLLECTED	$ 18,017.43	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 7,786.27	
	$ 27,681.68	$ 27,681.68

FISCAL 2005 REAL ESTATE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 287,106.43
REFUNDED		$ 1,197.91
TO TAX TITLE	$ 11,427.08	
COLLECTED	$ 232,245.81	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 44,631.45	
	$ 288,304.34	$ 288,304.34

NEWCON 2005 REAL ESTATE		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 8,344.83
OMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 10,140.07
OLLECTED	$ 18,484.90	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 18,484.90	$ 18,484.90

ISCAL 2006 REAL ESTATE		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 7,910,116.21
OMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 8,608,917.49
EFUNDED		$ 58,595.45
BATED	$ 82,444.48	
O TAX TITLE	$ 63,453.81	
OLLECTED	$ 16,112,007.77	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 319,723.09	
	$ 16,577,629.15	$ 16,577,629.15

EWCON REAL ESTATE 2006		
OMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 35,158.40
OLLECTED	$ 33,720.08	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 1,438.32	
	$ 35,158.40	$ 35,158.40

SCAL 2007 REAL ESTATE		
OMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 8,493,433.40
OLLECTED	$ 39,334.16	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 8,454,099.24	
	$ 8,493,433.40	$ 8,493,433.40

PA 2006		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 63,942.56
OMMITTED		$ 80,832.25
EFUNDED		$ 311.92
TAX TITLE	$ 277.67	
ATED	$ 1,081.61	
LLECTED	$ 141,614.26	
TSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 2,113.19	
	$ 145,086.73	$ 145,086.73

CPA 2007		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 75,076.67
COLLECTED	$ 641.62	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 74,435.05	
	$ 75,076.67	$ 75,076.67

FISCAL 2000 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 1,916.43
REFUND		$ 2,241.89
COLLECTED	$ 3,567.69	
ABATED	$ 590.63	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 4,158.32	$ 4,158.32

FISCAL 2001 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 2,551.79
COLLECTED	$ 1,341.27	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 1,210.52	
	$ 2,551.79	$ 2,551.79

FISCAL 2002 PERS.PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 1,685.80
COLLECTED	$ 37.80	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 1,648.00	
	$ 1,685.80	$ 1,685.80

FISCAL 2003 PERS. PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 512.67
COLLECTED	$ 34.72	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 477.95	
	$ 512.67	$ 512.67

FISCAL 2004 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 411.36
COLLECTED	$ 104.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 307.00	
	$ 411.36	$ 411.36

FISCAL 2005 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 1,729.83
REFUNDED		$ 81.89
COLLECTED	$ 1,261.64	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 550.08	
	$ 1,811.72	$ 1,811.72

FISCAL 2006 PERS PROP		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 130,288.06
COMMITTED		$ 119,389.91
REFUNDED		$ 267.58
ABATED	$ 241.81	
COLLECTED	$ 248,526.49	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 1,177.25	
	$ 249,945.55	$ 249,945.55

FISCAL 2007 PERS PROP		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 123,918.20
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 123,918.20	
	$ 123,918.20	$ 123,918.20

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1990 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 109.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 109.50	
	$ 109.50	$ 109.50
1991 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 106.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 106.00	
	$ 106.00	$ 106.00
1992 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 74.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 74.00	
	$ 74.00	$ 74.00
1993 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 154.88
COLLECTED	-	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 154.88	
	$ 154.88	$ 154.88
1994 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 152.63
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 152.63	
	$ 152.63	$ 152.63
1995 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 153.75
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 153.75	
	$ 153.75	$ 153.75
1996 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 160.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 160.50	
	$ 160.50	$ 160.50
1997 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 160.50
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 160.50	
	$ 160.50	$ 160.50
1998 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 75.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 75.00	
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00
1999 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 78.00
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 78.00	
	$ 78.00	$ 78.00

2000 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 80.00
COLLECTED		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 80.00	
	$ 80.00	$ 80.00
2001 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 70.51
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 70.51	
	$ 70.51	$ 70.51
2002 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005		$ 70.51
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006	$ 70.51	
	$ 70.51	$ 70.51
2003 FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 67.00
COLLECTED	$ -	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 67.00	
	$ 67.00	$ 67.00
2004 FARM ANIMAL		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 192.00
COLLECTED	$ 125.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 67.00	
	$ 192.00	$ 192.00
2005 FARM ANIMAL		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,426.35
COLLECTED	$ 1,056.10	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 370.25	
	$ 1,426.35	$ 1,426.35
2003 SEWER CHARGES		
SUBS:2005 SEWER LIENS		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005		$ 1,801.02
COLLECTED	$ 1,039.65	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006	$ 761.37	
	$ 1,801.02	$ 1,801.02
2004 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 24,893.44
TO 2006 SEWER LIEN	$ 14,169.08	
COLLECTED	$ 10,724.36	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 24,893.44	$ 24,893.44
2005 SEWER CHARGES		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 23,142.87
TO 2006 SEWER LIEN	$ 19,666.47	
COMMITTED		$ 185,123.86
ABATED	$ 115.44	
COLLECTED	$ 188,484.82	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 208,266.73	$ 208,266.73

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2006 SEWER CHARGES		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 765,317.63
ABATED	$ 185.97	
COLLECTED	$ 572,448.30	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 192,683.36	
	$ 765,317.63	$ 765,317.63

2006 SEWER LIENS		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 37,505.79
COLLECTED	$ 31,280.02	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 6,225.77	
	$ 37,505.79	$ 37,505.79

2000 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 4,712.63
COLLECTED	$ 189.50	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 4,523.13	
	$ 4,712.63	$ 4,712.63

2001 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 8,802.26
COLLECTED	$ 371.99	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 8,430.27	
	$ 8,802.26	$ 8,802.26

002 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 8,805.59
OLLECTED	$ 1,356.78	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 7,448.81	
	$ 8,805.59	$ 8,805.59

003 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
UTSTANDING 06/30/2005		$ 12,259.76
EFUNDED		$ 855.32
BATED	$ 691.04	
OLLECTED	$ 2,516.71	
UTSTANDING 06/30/2006	$ 9,907.33	
	$ 13,115.08	$ 13,115.08

004 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 34,193.45
OMMITTED		$ 10,583.44
EFUNDED		$ 912.73
BATED	$ 1,446.14	
OLLECTED	$ 28,092.65	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 16,150.83	
	$ 45,689.62	$ 45,689.62

05 TRILAKES BETT		
UTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 61,330.89
EFUNDED		$ 4,259.14
ATED	$ 37,549.38	
OLLECTED	$ 21,664.33	
UTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 6,376.32	
	$ 65,590.03	$ 65,590.03

2005 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 172,091.22
COMMITTED		$ 219,996.38
REFUNDED		$ 16,745.55
ABATED	$ 27,242.99	
COLLECTED	$ 353,012.29	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 28,577.87	
	$ 408,833.15	$ 408,833.15

2006 MOTOR VEHICLE EXC		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 1,403,683.07
REFUNDED		$ 6,994.65
ABATED	$ 42,764.91	
COLLECTED	$ 1,199,602.77	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 168,310.04	
	$ 1,410,677.72	$ 1,410,677.72

2005 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 338.68
COLLECTED	$ 338.68	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 338.68	$ 17,275.95

2006 DAIGLE WELL BETT		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 12,098.05
COLLECTED	$ 11,768.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 329.53	
	$ 12,098.05	$ 12,098.05

BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ -
COMMITTED		$ 5,808.32
COLLECTED	$ 5,808.32	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 5,808.32	$ 5,808.32

2006 TITLE V		
COMM FOR COLLECTION		$ 6,518.44
COLLECTED	$ 6,518.44	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 6,518.44	$ 6,518.44

BETTERMENT IN ADVANCE		
COMMITTED		$ 2,790.00
COLLECTED	$ 2,790.00	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ -	
	$ 2,790.00	$ 2,790.00

MISCELLANEOUS REC.		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 63,327.14
COMMITTED		$ 41,365.19
COLLECTED	$ 43,885.35	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 60,806.98	
	$104,692.33	$ 104,692.33

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2006 TRILAKES BETT		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 224,243.44
REFUND		$ 4,630.69
ABATED	$ 9,922.90	
TO TAX TITLE	$ 2,646.08	
COLLECTED	$ 203,743.94	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 12,561.21	
	$ 228,874.13	$ 228,874.13

TRILAKES ADV INTEREST		
COMMITTED FOR COLLECTION		$ 182.61
ABATED	$ 24.32	
COLLECTED	$ 114.52	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$ 43.77	
	$ 182.61	$ 182.61

TRI LAKES ASSESSMENT		
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2005		$ 5,009,099.22
APPORTIONED FY06 RE	$222,911.25	
ABATED	$939,567.50	
COLLECTED	$111,093.75	
OUTSTANDING 6/30/2006	$3,735,526.72	
	$5,009,099.22	$ 5,009,099.22

COMSTAR AMBULANCE ACCOUNT		
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2005		$ 268,792.37
COMMITTED FOR COLL.		$ 562,356.90
REFUNDED		$ 902.98
ABATED	$ 218,082.75	
COLLECTED	$ 339,899.61	
OUTSTANDING 06/30/2006	$ 274,069.89	
	$ 832,052.25	$ 832,052.25

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TOTAL COLLECTIONS		$ 19,766,894.82
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 339,899.61
	TOTAL	$ 20,106,794.43
TAXES,LIENS,EXCISES		$ 19,512,238.97
INTEREST/FEES		$ 110,743.66
SCHOLARSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS		$ 1,503.01
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT		$ 142,409.18
AMBULANCE ACCT		$ 339,899.61
	TOTAL	$ 20,106,794.43

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TOWN AND TAX COLLECTOR

2005 Vital Statistics received after filing last year's report:

Births:

Place	Males	Females
Northampton	1	2
Springfield	8	6
Ware	1	1
Worcester	-	1

Marriages:

	Male	Female
Belchertown Resident	1	1
Non-Resident	2	2

Married in Belchertown: 1, Married Out-of-Town: 2

Deaths:

Males: 2 Female: 2

Belchertown Residents: 4

Place of Death:

Holyoke	2	Springfield	1	Ware	1

2006 Vital Statistics

Births:

Place	Males	Females
Belchertown		1
Holyoke	2	2
Northampton	15	31
Southbridge	2	1
Springfield	38	44
Ware	2	2
	59	81

Marriages:

	Males	Females
Belchertown Residents	37	41
Non-Residents	9	9
	46	50

Married in Belchertown: 24, Married Out-of-Town: 24

Deaths:

Males: 34; Females: 36

Belchertown Residents: 68; Non-Residents: 2

Place of Death:

Agawam	1	Hadley	2	South Hadley	4
Amherst	1	Hampden	1	Springfield	9
Belchertown	22	Holyoke	2	Ware	8
Chicopee	2	Longmeadow	1	Westfield	1
Framingham	1	Northampton	8	West Brookfield	1
Granby	1	Palmer	2	West Springfield	1
				Worcester	2

TOWN CLERK
2006 FINANCIAL REPORT

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	YTD
B-M-D CERTIFIED COPY	205.00	270.00	605.00	310.00	245.00	235.00	415.00	295.00	240.00	350.00	140.00	160.00	3470.00
MARRIAGE INTENTIONS	45.00	75.00	30.00	15.00	60.00	90.00	45.00	120.00	135.00	75.00	15.00	15.00	720.00
BOARD OF APPEALS		200.00	100.00		100.00	100.00			100.00				600.00
BURIAL PERMIT	15.00	30.00	45.00	30.00		45.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	45.00	15.00	15.00	330.00
BUSINESS REGISTRATION	120.00	90.00	475.00	370.00	240.00	210.00	75.00	315.00	135.00	225.00	65.00	60.00	2380.00
DOG FINES	140.00		58.00	540.00	1222.00	1340.00	1470.00	670.00	200.00	405.00	50.00	130.00	6225.00
DOG OFFICER FEES	265.00					460.00		350.00		895.00		595.00	2565.00
DOG LICENSE	4222.00	6221.00	4962.00	1657.00	1106.00	527.00	354.00	318.00	93.00	101.00	295.00	1858.00	21714.00
FUEL/GAS REGISTRATION			13.00	15.00									28.00
HISTORICAL APPLICATION				25.00	25.00					25.00		25.00	100.00
HOMESTEAD FILING	10.00		20.00	20.00		10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	30.00	30.00		150.00
PARKING CITATION			100.00		200.00								300.00
PASSPORT	900.00	720.00	1260.00	780.00	240.00	420.00	480.00	450.00	360.00	1200.00	1080.00	510.00	8400.00
PLANNING BOARD FEE	260.00	270.00	2265.00	1485.00	165.00	290.00	185.00	595.00	670.00	230.00	3113.00	75.00	9603.00
POLE ORDER	60.00	140.00	20.00					20.00	60.00			80.00	380.00
RAFFLE PERMIT							10.00	20.00	80.00	20.00	10.00	10.00	150.00
STREET LIST BK/DISK	20.00		30.00	10.00			20.00	80.00	20.00	60.00		50.00	290.00
UCC					254.70			62.19					316.89
SPORTING LIC SALES**	793.50	382.00	749.50	743.25	568.50	481.75	530.50	58.75	217.50	200.50	143.50	2264.50	7133.75
SPORTING ADM FEES	31.05	16.90	36.50	36.40	30.40	24.10	21.00	3.25	3.70	9.40	5.70	94.40	312.80
ZONING/SUBDIVISION BKS	75.00	125.00	95.00	49.00	24.00	74.00		60.00			75.00	25.00	602.00
MSC SALES	46.60		114.80	2.60	1.00	8.20	30.80	52.40	7.00	0.20	5.00	3.00	271.60
TOTALS	7208.15	8539.90	10978.80	6088.25	4481.60	4315.05	3676.30	3509.59	2361.20	3871.10	5042.20	5969.90	66042.04
**** PAYMENTS TO:**													
Div. of Fisheries&Wildlife	793.50	382.00	749.50	743.25	568.50	481.75	530.50	58.75	217.50	200.50	143.50	2264.5	7133.75
Town of Belchertown	6414.65	8157.90	10229.30	5345.00	3913.10	3833.30	3145.80	3450.84	2143.70	3670.60	4898.70	3705.40	58908.29
TOTAL	7208.15	8539.90	10978.80	6088.25	4481.60	4315.05	3676.30	3509.59	2361.20	3871.10	5042.20	5969.90	66042.04

Respectfully Submitted,
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

ADA COMMITTEE

The American With Disabilities Committee members for the year 2006 were Paul Adzima, ADA Liaison; Judy Metcalf, Board of Health; Steven Williams, Director of Public Works; Gary Brougham, Town Administrator; Ted Bock, Fire Department; Max Bock, Maintenance Department; Michael Krzystofik, School Department; Sally Dodge and Ruthella Tucker were town-appointed representatives.

The Committee met on the first Tuesday of February, April, July and October, 2006.

The ADA Committee responds to any complaint on ADA related issues, and monitors the progress of the resolution of those issues.
The ADA Committee invites the public's opinion and concerns to help promote a safe environment for those who are disabled.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

At a Special Town Meeting in December 2005, the Town voted to create an Agricultural Commission. This initiative was brought forth by the Conservation Commission as suggested in the Community Plan. The objectives of the Commission are to … "preserve agricultural-based economic opportunities, preserve, revitalize and sustain Belchertown's agricultural industry and encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle."

Made up of eight members, both farmers and farm-supporters, the Commission began meeting in May 2006. Initial meetings revolved around getting organized and discussions as to how to meet our goals. Members attended state-sponsored agricultural training workshops that gathered local Agricultural Commissions together. We obtained an email address (agcomm@belchertown.org) for communication and are currently working on a website design. We reviewed the issues of manure management, the National Animal I.D. Program and the Right to Farm Law. The Commission also had discussions with the Board of Health and Planning Board as part of an effort to work with town boards on issues related to agriculture.

We are planning a farmer get-together in January 2007 to introduce ourselves and get direct input from our farmers on how we can best serve them and promote agriculture in Belchertown. Their input will guide our agenda for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace Adzima, Co-chair
William Shattuck, Co-chair
Jon Clements
Judith Gillan
Hope Guardenier
Susan Gay, Associate Member
Alan Page, Associate Member
Richard Reidy, Associate Member

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

In 2006, William Huber was elected to the Board of Assessors. The Board looks forward to working with Bill in the upcoming three years. The Board and department staff wants to thank Mike Forgue who served over 11 years on the Board of Assessors, first as an appointed Assessor then as an elected one. Mike has been a dedicated public servant who's assessing experience and knowledge were an asset to the taxpayers of Belchertown.

Chairman Samuel Joyal, and Brian Fitzpatrick round out the Board.

Because of sound fiscal management, Belchertown's financial outlook remained strong once again. Important figures in establishing the FY06 budget included:

Total Taxable Value	1,196,664,261
Town Meeting Appropriations	$38,868,138
Estimated Receipts/Revenue sources	$22,055,005
Tax Levy	$16,813,132
Levy Limit and Debt Exclusions	$16,813,552
FY06 New Growth	$631,343
FY06 Tax Rate	$14.05

The Board acted upon all timely filed tax abatement applications along with exemption applications for qualifying disabled veterans, elderly, widowed and blind property owners.

With the Assessors recommendation, the interest rate for elderly tax deferrals was reduced from 8% to 6% at the Annual Town Meeting.

The Assessors conducted a revaluation of all real estate for fiscal 2006. Due to an increase in Belchertown's market conditions, the single-family property class increased approximately 12%. The Board is confident that properties in town are being valued fairly and equitably according to mass appraisal standards and Massachusetts Department of Revenue guidelines.

The Belchertown Board of Assessors and the entire Assessing staff are committed to providing the citizens of Belchertown and the general public with timely and accurate information.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Assessors
Samuel Joyal, Chairman
William Huber, Vice Chairman
Brian Fitzpatrick, Clerk

BELCHERTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION

The purpose of Belchertown Community Television is to operate BCTV Channels 5, 19, and 20 (dedicated to the Town School Department) on the cable television system in Belchertown. BCTV provides training and technical assistance in the use of video production equipment, access to video resources, and time on the access channels. Facilities are available for the production and presentation of live or videotaped programming of interest to the Belchertown community. BCTV's role is to provide resources, training, and assistance while remaining content-neutral regarding their use.

BCTV continues its modest growth. We continue to broadcast a wide range of government, community, and educational programs of interest to Belchertown. We also continue to be in need of volunteers. BCTV is run entirely by volunteers and what we can produce is limited to the time these volunteers are available; more volunteers equals more programming.

Government Access Programs – BCTV broadcasts the following Town Boards, Committees, and/or Commissions:
Selectmen
Conservation Commission
Planning Board
School Committee
EDIC
The Annual Town Meeting
Special Town Meetings
ZBA
(Meetings currently not covered are: Housing Authority, Board of Health, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, and so forth)

Educational Access Programs – Educational programs being broadcast on BCTV include:
BHS Home Football games
Most BHS Band Concerts
Most CHCS Band Concerts
The CHCS Stepping Up Ceremony
The BHS Senior Graduation Ceremony
(Events not being covered include Soccer games, Baseball games, Softball games, Drama Presentations, Hockey Games, Wrestling Matches, Volleyball, Chess…)

Community Access Programs – BCTV continues to cover as many community events as possible. A partial list includes:
…About Belchertown
Legislator's Report
The BlueRibbonCooks
The Summer Community Band Concerts on the Common
The Annual Belchertown Fair
The Annual Fair Parade
Town Talk

***Special Community Interest Programs this year include*:**
Veterans' Day Ceremony and Parade
Memorial Day Ceremonies
Rag Shag Parade
Tour of the Historic District, Part 1
Civil War Living History Days at the Stone House Museum
Congregational Church 12-hour, tape-delay Fund Raiser
(Events not being covered include the Belchertown Little League, most Senior Center events, and all Recreation Department games.)

Weekly Church Services on BCTV include:
St. Francis Roman Catholic Church
Dwight Chapel
Hope United Methodist Church
World Wide Church of God
Belchertown United Church of Christ

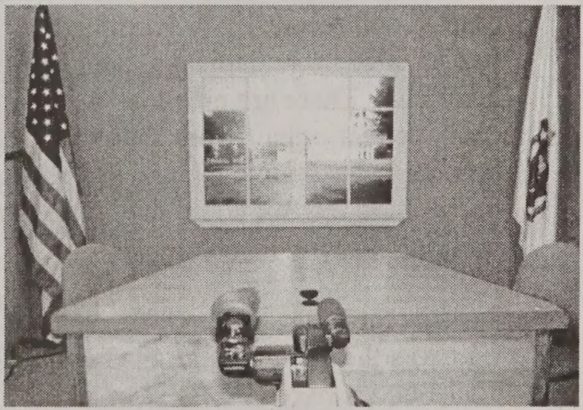
Accomplishments and Goals

Last year's goals were to increase our pool of volunteers and train them to operate independently. BCTV is always in need of volunteers. Fortunately we do have a solid core of volunteers but we could certainly use two to three more dedicated community members. There are meetings we simply cannot cover, repair work that waits for months to be completed, and skills we do not possess that we could use, such as audio mixing.

Perhaps the biggest stretch for us again this year was the Congregational Church 12-hour Fund Raiser. BCTV used a considerable amount of its resources during this broadcast. The Fund Raiser was considered a success by the church, which is already talking about doing it again next year. Thanks must go to Rev. Todd Farnsworth whose vision and energy carried this project forward and Ed Comeau for directing the entire 12-hour live broadcast.

This year at the 149th Belchertown Fair we gave cameras to our volunteers and said – go tape whatever interests you. Ben DeTour along with his sister Cara, and Logan Bellefleur spent all day Saturday and Sunday taping fair events. Pat Bonnett focused on fair food and Terry Fontaine taped animal events. Peg and I did some taping of Wrist Band Day (Friday at the Fair). We collected all the tapes and gave them to Ben DeTour, who volunteered to edit them into our annual Fair show. The results were great – a different look at fair activities and a very different editing job than what I was doing. The experiment worked and we hope to repeat it next year.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that Ben DeTour, student at BHS, and his sister Cara DeTour, student at Jabish Brook Middle School, have been taping events at their schools and editing them for viewing over BCTV. Their viewpoint of events and editing has made for some exciting TV in Belchertown.



Audrey LePage, BCTV volunteer, is the person who inputs all BCTV Bulletin Board material. Her artistic eye, her enthusiasm, her ability to put together a graphic page and not overburden you with user information have greatly improved the overall look of our Bulletin Board.

Charter Communications' Tech Department has continued to be an enthusiastic partner with BCTV. When we have a problem, they have the dedication, knowledge, and patience to solve it. We could not be anywhere near as good as we are without their support. Thanks to Kim, Kevin, Mindy, and Jeff for always being there.

Finally thanks to our volunteers: BCTV runs on volunteer power. Without the following people there would be no BCTV. Thank you to:

Rev. Bruce Arbour
Pat Bonnett
Mary Ann Brennen
Louise Christ
Ben DeTour
Cara DeTour
Terry Fontaine
Janis Gush
Audrey LePage
Mike Lauber
Norm Loftus
Shannon Materka
Ron Pobieglo

Respectfully Submitted,

Lewis Louraine, General Manager
Ron Akins and Peg Louraine, BCTV Internal Board

CIVIL DEFENSE / EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Office of Emergency Management (formally known as "Civil Defense") is a support group interacting with all town branches of public safety to assist in emergency planning and preparedness. These are primarily staff, not "command" functions, where the Coordinators serve under joint action arrangements with other town officials.

We continuously review emergency plans, and participate in continuing education seminars around New England, which focus on natural and technological hazards. We continue an ongoing partnership of emergency preparedness with Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), which requires our Town Plan to be filed with the State Agency. We also work with members of FEMA, which is the Federal level of emergency management. All these agencies fall under the direction of Homeland Security.
The Department of Homeland Security continues their labors of collecting intelligence information, sharing their findings with interactive agencies, and posting weekly if not daily information of importance. Belchertown's Office of Emergency Management continuously receives and monitors these reports.

The Emergency Management Committee continues to comply with the "National incident management system" (NIMS), which is a requirement to train every emergency responder to a national standard for compatibility to streamline any response in the United States.

This diverse group of dedicated people consists of our public safety sector. Their expertise in emergency response covers an extremely wide range, everything from natural disasters through technological incidents involving hazardous materials.

With the continuous support received from the Selectmen and citizens, we can and will prepare Belchertown to meet the needs of the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Director - Civil Defense

CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY (CML)

What did your Belchertown family and friends do with their Clapp Memorial Library Smartest Card (CMLSC) in FY2006?

1. What a bargain!!! The FY2006 per capita support for the CML amounted to $23.40!

2. Sixty percent of the Belchertown community, 8,296 residents, are CML Smartest Card (CMLSC) holders including 6,856 Adults and Young Adult (YA, grades 7-12), and 1,440 Juvenile (pre-school through grade 6) CMLSC holders.

3. There are approximately 1,240 students currently attending Belchertown's High and Middle schools. There are 1,124 CMLSC holders in that age range. Similarly, there are approximately 1,373 students currently attending Belchertown's elementary schools, while there are 1,440 juvenile CMLSC holders in that age group (pre-school through grade 6).

4. In FY2006 CMLSC holders visited the CML more than 71,700 times during its 2,077 hours of direct patron service for a weekly average of 1,380 visits each week, and an annual average per capita library visit figure of 5.1.

5. Throughout the school year the CML remained accessible to Belchertown's students for 1,300 hours after the close of school libraries. Each week the CML provided accessibility to academic resources for Belchertown students for an additional 25 hours, which our schools simply cannot match.

6. Last year the CML staff answered more than 3,000 reference inquiries for our juvenile CMLSC holders.

7. CMLSC holders borrowed more than 136,300 items for a per capita average of 10.4 items. General Adult and Young Adult patrons borrowed nearly 86,000 items. Our Juvenile CMLSC holders (pre-school through grade 6) borrowed over 50,000 items.
8. Music CDs were most popular with YAs, while audio-books were favored by commuters and homemakers combining for more than 9,800 loans of CML audio materials.

9. CMLSC holders found what they were looking for while borrowing more than 3,500 individual issues of the nearly 100 periodicals and newspapers subscribed to by the CML.

10. CMLSC holders can select items in a variety of formats in the Juvenile and YA/Adult collections including books, videos, DVDs, audio books, music CDs, CD-ROMS, periodicals, kits and more.

11. Sadly, the items in these various collections number less than 26,000. Of 366 Massachusetts public libraries, 359 have collections larger than that of the CML.

12. In an effort to compensate for the substantial weaknesses of our woefully inadequate collection, the CML collaborates with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing Library Consortium (C/W MARS) and the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System (WMRLS).

13. Your CMLSC gives you full access to over six million items from the collections of 140+ C/W MARS member libraries.

14. Together, the resources made available in FY2006 through these partnerships enabled the CML to deliver a record 14,617 items to CMLSC holders from libraries as far away as Alaska.
15. Your CMLSC enables you to satisfy your online information needs from the comfort of your own home 24 hours a days, seven days a week. This "remote access" enables you to request the materials found in the C/W MARS database, and have those materials delivered to the C/W MARS library of your choice. Returning items is equally convenient.

16. CMLSC holders also can boast of online access to the index and archive of full-text articles from the Boston Globe, Springfield Republican, Berkshire Eagle as well as our Sentinel print archive.

17. So too, CMLSC holders have access to over 25 million online full-text articles in magazines, reference books and newspapers.

18. While remote access is becoming increasingly popular, in-library use of the CML Information Technologies Network (ITN) has also demonstrated its continued utility in FY2006 with an average of 30.7 CMLSC holders using the Information Technologies Network (ITN) daily.

19. Concurrently, in-Library use of the CML Home Page has soared from 26,000 hits in FY2005 to nearly 43,000 hits in FY2006.

20. CMLSC holders have access to a wealth of online databases including the eContent NetLibrary. eContent is the digital version of books, journals, and database content, and includes approximately 7,000 books on popular topics. CMLSC holders were able to view electronic books and download audio books on topics including popular fiction, travel, computers, consumer health, business on the web, etc.

21. The AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive is also available online to CMLSC holders. Content includes over two million photographs taken as early as 1826, one million audio recordings from the 1920's on, two million news stories from 1997 on, and collection of more than 45,000 maps, graphs, charts, logos, flags, illustrations are also available.

22. The NoveList, a fiction database that provides subject heading access, reviews, annotations, and much more for over 135,000 fiction titles is accessible with a CMLSC. So too, Contemporary Literary Criticism includes biographical and bibliographical information for 100,000 U.S. and international authors.

23. MedlinePlus directs CMLSC holders to reliable information about health questions. MedlinePlus offers access to the medical literature, full-text drug information and an illustrated medical encyclopedia.

24. YA and Adult CMLSC holders had an opportunity to attend 74 adult programs including the Clapp Critics and the Biblioholics, both meeting monthly to discuss films and literature, respectively. Other popular adult programs included The Traditional New England Stone Wall by Mike Smachetti, a 4-week finance program entitled Stretch Your Dollars Program, presented in collaboration with the Quaboag Valley Community Development Center, along with a number of programs with a family focus such as The Toughest Job in the World: Parenting.

25. The Adult Summer Reading Challenge, in just its second year, attracted nearly 300 CMLSC holders with some winning prizes that included wildlife photos by Les Campbell and watercolors by Pauline Thomas.

26. With FY2006 totals of 251 programs, spanning 401 hours, and attracting 6,484 participants Juvenile CMLSC holders had the opportunity, during an average week, to participate in one of 5 children's programs spanning almost 8 hours with an average program attendance of 25.

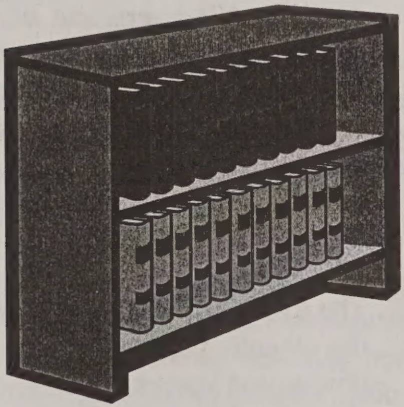
27. The PAWS to READ program addresses the juvenile literacy problem in a most unique and successful way. Ms. Whitehead, in collaboration with Dawn Kimball, match youngsters who are experiencing reading problems with specially trained dogs. While reading to a non-critical dog, the young readers relax, begin to enjoy reading and become accomplished readers.

28. The CML offers free passes for the Holyoke Children's Museum, the Eric Carle Museum and the Springfield Museums.

29. More than 600 young readers participated in the summer reading program entitled Going Places @ Your Library. Also participating in this program were 47 junior volunteers from grades 7 through 12.

30. In FY2006 the Clapp Memorial Library (CML) was able to deliver to the Belchertown community this popular and practical array of programs and services for less than 1% of the entire FY2006 Belchertown municipal budget.

31. The FY2006 level of per capita support for the CML came to $23.40. The per capita borrowing average for CMLSC holders was 10.4 items, while the average cost of a single adult hardcover book was $33.54, and that of hardcover juvenile book was $20.52.



Your CMLSC is the smartest card you own. Studies show that children who use their library do far better in school. Can you afford not to give your child or grandchild the key to success - a CMLSC?!? So too, your CMLSC is your very own ticket to a world of opportunity, and it continues to offer such opportunities throughout your entire lifetime. Get it. Use it @ the Clapp Memorial Library.

Sincerely,

Owen Maloney
Library Director

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION COMMITTEE

This was a fruitful, exciting first year for the new Community Preservation Committee. Town voters approved participation in the State Community Preservation Act (CPA) in May 2005. Town Meeting created the new committee on December 5, 2005; the first committee members took office in July 2006.

Under the CPA, the State matches funds raised in Belchertown from a tax surcharge that averaged under $29 per household for the year. For FY2007, the State matched the full $144,216, so the Committee can propose funding of about $290,000 this year. Since many CPA projects often include additional outside funding sources, the financial benefits to Belchertown will often more than double our own contributions. All funds must be approved by Town Meeting.

The Community Preservation Committee is committed to open processes that is fair to all prospective applicants and assures funds are allocated efficiently and effectively.

Because it was our first year, the Committee recognized it needed to work hard before it could begin to accept funding applications. The Committee wrote Guidelines Criteria and widely distributed the proposed draft. In December, the Committee held a Public Meeting for the purpose of getting comments on the draft, one of three presentations televised on BCTV. The final Guidelines and a Funding Application Form were approved later that month. A public meeting for prospective applicants was held in January to help explain the application procedures. As part of its efforts to bring wider participation into the funding process, the Committee developed a web page on the town's web site, containing downloads and links to other information sources.

Each year 30% of the funds must be allocated—10% to each of the three categories of Open Space, Historic Preservation, and Community Housing. The remaining 70% may be allocated to any of these categories plus Recreation. In order to encourage small groups and individuals to submit proposals, the Community Preservation Committee has voted to reserve 10% of total funds for projects costing under $5000.

The volunteers serving as members for the past year included:

Ken Elstein, Chairman
Cliff McCarthy, Vice Chairman
Edwina Cruise, Secretary
Jim Gambaro
Betsy Loughran
Jim Natle
Rob Rizzo
Karen Schiffer
Leslie Squires

COMPUTING DEPARTMENT

This year has been a busy one for the Computing Department. We have had several key upgrades including a major upgrade to our financials system. The challenges presented to us with the rapid growth and pervasiveness of technology into every aspect of government have proven to be both exciting and time consuming. Finding the right tools for the job, and implementing them in an effective fashion is a large part of what we continue to strive to do.

The Computing Department has had a new position added. The Network Administrator position is primarily responsible for the health and maintenance of our increasingly complex network. Our new Network Administrator, Justin Byrne, has proved to be a valuable addition to the team.

We have concentrated some of our efforts towards consolidation and virtualization this past year. This has been a successful venture thus far allowing us to do more with less hardware, lower power consumption, and fewer cooling requirements.

As a continued effort to provide information to employees and the public, the Computing Department relies upon our website. We are in the process of evaluating better ways of keeping this information up to date. As part of this, each of the schools now has their own web space, which is maintained, by the school. Links to these pages can be found on the school website at http://www.belchertownps.org

The Computing Department has worked with Clapp Memorial Library to implement a free wireless Internet access program. Anyone with a wireless capable laptop can now have access to the Internet at the Library. We are looking to extend this in the near future to the Town Hall as well.

As in years past, our goal continues to be to improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which Belchertown's employees can serve its residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin J Hannon
MIS Director

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Belchertown Conservation Commission held 78 hearings under the Wetlands Protection Act; 37 of these were Requests for Determination and 33 were Notices of Intent, three were for permit extensions, six for Amended Orders of Conditions, and two hearings for an Abbreviated Notice for Resource Area Delineation. The Commission issued two Emergency Certificates, for the protection of public health and safety. The Commission also reviewed and commented on all septic system installation permits, site plan reviews, subdivision applications, ANR plans, and Chapter 61, 61A and 61B withdrawal requests. In addition, the Commission also reviewed the applications for all forest cutting plans and the Yearly Operational Plans for the vegetation management for the Massachusetts Electric Company and the New England Central Railroad Company.

The Commission has conducted numerous site visits to monitor ongoing projects throughout the year. There are many subdivisions currently under construction and extensive site visits have occurred to monitor these projects. The Ingate Farm subdivision has submitted a Notice of Intent with the Commission on January 10, 2005 and is currently under review. In addition, the Commission is continuing to monitor the progress of the Cold Spring Golf Course. The Commission has dealt with numerous enforcement issues and has issued two Enforcement Orders. Some enforcement matters have been outstanding for some time and the Commission has been concentrating their efforts to bring these projects back into compliance. The Commission completed the revisions and update of the Belchertown Wetland Regulations and the final update was May 23, 2006.

The year 2006 has been a very busy and productive year for both the Town and the Conservation Commission. The Commission has worked very closely with town officials on numerous and extensive projects. The Belchertown Conservation Commission has received a $367,200.00 grant from the EOEA Self-Help Grant to secure the Scarborough Brook Conservation Area for the Town. The purchase price is $540,000.00. The land area consists of approximately 69 acres, containing tributaries to the Scarborough Brook meandering through the property and adjacent wetlands, which then discharge into the Lawrence Swamp aquifer. This property has great value for aquifer protection and wildlife habitat. Belchertown realizes the importance of protecting this sensitive area and is eager to add this property to the Town's public conservation areas. The main goals for this land acquisition were to protect this aquifer, maintain the water quality within the community, and to protect the wildlife habitat carrying capacity of this area. The Commission is working with the Kestrel Trust to raise the remaining funds required for this land purchase.

In the area of conservation land management and open space planning, the Conservation Commission has completed and revised our Open Space and Recreation Plan. The Belchertown Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) is a statement of the current priorities of Belchertown's town boards, officials, and citizens for natural resource protection and recreation. The purpose of this plan was to revise the original 1986 OSRP plan - to update the 1995 OSRP and reassess the open space, recreation, and natural resource protection needs and priorities for the next five years (2002-2007), to carry Belchertown well into the 21st century. In addition, the Belchertown Wetlands Map has also been updated and the new 2006 Town Assessors' maps reflect the new Resource Area Delineations.

Scarborough Pond

The Commission worked with local farmers, the Department of Agriculture and the community to develop an Agricultural Commission for the Town. The Town voted to establish this Agricultural Commission at their December 5, 2005 Special Town Meeting. The Conservation Commission has been working with the Agricultural Commission over the past year, helping them to set goals and structure their organization. The objectives of this new Commission will be to promote agricultural-based economic opportunities, preserve, revitalize and sustain Belchertown's agricultural industry and encourage the pursuit of agriculture as a career opportunity and lifestyle.

The Conservation Commission is continuing to work on monitoring and managing our conservation areas. The Reed Property Conservation Area, one of our largest Conservation Areas, has had a lot of work completed on this property. The Commission worked with Boy Scout Troop 57, for an Eagle Scout project for the renovations and improvements to this area. The work included the marking of a new trail, the building of picnic tables, brush clearing, trash pick-up and the removal of some junk vehicles, repairing and re-building a crossing and the preparation of a trail guide. The Reed Conservation area also has had signage installed and gates located off the main roads to discourage the use of motorized vehicles. The Commission conducted a fall nature walk to show case the improvements to this conservation area. Our Conservation Areas are very important to the Town and the Commission is looking forward to partnering with other organizations and residents within the community to help maintain and upgrade our Conservation areas.

The Commission is very sad at the passing of one of our Commissioner's Patrick Lund, on 1/5/07 and he will be missed deeply. He served our Town with passion, enthusiasm, and with the true spirit of volunteerism. He will be sadly missed on both a personal and professional level.

The Commission is anxious to begin new projects for the year 2007 and feels confident that the environment is favorable, within the local community, to protect even more valuable Resource Areas and Open Space within the Town. Collaborative efforts by town departments, non-profit Land Trusts, state agencies and private landowners only strengthen the chances for successful open space protection within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rizzo, Chairman
David Haines, Vice Chairman
Joseph Babineau, Commissioner
Patrick Lund, Commissioner
Edward Knight, Commissioner
Kurt Nelson, Commissioner
Jon Clements, Commissioner
Linda LeDuc, Associate Commissioner
Tracy Roth, Associate Commissioner
Kelly Taylor, Associate Commissioner
Meagan Mazzarino, Associate Comm.
Donna Lusignan, Department Assistant
LeeAnne Connolly, Administrator

COUNCIL ON AGING
BELCHERTOWN SENIOR CENTER

The Belchertown Council on Aging/Senior Center provides a wide range of social, health, nutritional, transportation and advocacy services to the senior population of Belchertown. These services are provided at the Senior Center, which is located in the Whitlock Municipal Complex at 60 State Street, (Route 202). An Executive Director manages day-to-day operations. A Council on Aging board provides support, input, advocacy and oversight. The Senior Center provides services to seniors and their families in town. The Senior Center building includes a fully equipped kitchen and dining area, which provides both Congregate meals and Meals on Wheels to seniors in the community. We also offer a Supportive Day Care Program, transportation services and an array of recreational, health, educational, and social service programs available to seniors ages 60 and older. This building also acts as a back up shelter for use in the event of a community emergency.

There are gaps in services for seniors and their families. In-home respite care and other in-home services are lacking or too expensive for seniors who do not meet state income guidelines. We document these needs and seek grants and other funding sources to help fund service programs. Increasing property taxes, prescription drug costs, and the high costs of in-home services leave many seniors in our community facing decisions to choose between heat, food, and medicine. We attempt to help them find resources to meet these needs, but too many times there is no answer to their problems or way to meet their needs. The need for creative ways to service our increasing senior population remains a top priority. The senior population will continue to increase as the Baby Boomers age and new 55+ housing continues to be built in town.

As we look at a master plan for Belchertown, it is our strong conviction that an in-town assisted living facility should be a priority. An attempt was made several years ago to have a housing facility for seniors be a part of any development on the former State School grounds but this early initiative failed. If we are to serve our seniors and allow them to remain in the town they helped build, it should still be a priority.

Transportation continues to be a major issue for our seniors. Development of an in-town network with more flexibility than the services currently offered by the PVTA should also be part of any master plan. Many of our seniors are at the mercy of limited rural transportation services once they no longer drive. The requests for services outstrip our ability to meet the need. The Council on Aging is currently advocating for increased services and funding. During FY06, our handicapped accessible van transported over 180 different seniors on over 5000 individual trips. The transportation provided under this program is vital to the continued physical and emotional well-being of our participants in helping to reduce isolation, and to insure medical care. Seniors need access to a variety of activities including shopping, social and recreational activities and much more. Rides are offered for general shopping and doctor appointments as scheduling allows. Belchertown seniors who participate in the Supportive Day Care Program at the Center also receive transportation. Demand for our Companion/Errand Program, which provides our seniors with a companion to accompany them to physician and dental visits, medical tests, food shopping, banking, the post office and other visits, continues to overwhelm our capabilities to provide service. We greatly appreciate the financial support for this program through donations from our fundraising group, local citizens and businesses. This program provided 800 hours of service to over 60 seniors and their caregivers during the past 12 months. Those served depend on the service for something many of us who drive take for granted, a means to get from one place to another. Our companions don't just provide transportation they go along with the senior on these errands. This program is currently partially funded by a Federal Title IIIE Caregiver Assistance Grant through WestMass ElderCare, our local Aging Service Access Point.

Outreach efforts and Social Services are a major part of the services, which we provide. Privacy and Confidentiality is our mandate in these areas. The direct phone line to Social Services is 323-0675. Many in the community are unaware of the wealth of information, services, programs and referrals available through the Outreach/Social Service Coordinator. Individuals can receive assistance obtaining appropriate insurance, prescription coverage/options, homecare services, housing, transportation, access to and information regarding State and Federal programs, nutritional, personal and home safety issues. We coordinate with community based agencies such as WestMass ElderCare, Greater Springfield Senior Services, VNA, Franklin Community Action as well as partnerships with police, fire, EMT, churches, private and non-profit agencies and local businesses. The addition of a prescription drug component to Medicare along with the State's Prescription Advantage program have added a heavy additional demand on this department. This past year a grant-funded Outreach Assistant was added.

The Title IIIC Nutrition Program provides on site hot lunches, as well as home delivered meals to seniors unable to leave their homes. Nutritiously balanced hot meals are cooked on site and served in our dining room Monday through Friday. Live music or a guest speaker often accompanies meal site lunches. Holiday, special ethnic, and birthday celebrations are common luncheon themes through out the year. During the FY06 period, 359 area seniors enjoyed in excess of 10,000 meals in the relaxed and lighthearted atmosphere of our dining room with the good company of others. Our Home Delivered Meal Program served 42,000 meals this past year. Meals are prepared on site and delivered hot to the most fragile and needy of elders seven days a week, 362 days a year. This program provides safety and wellness checks through the daily contact of the home delivered meals driver for homebound elders. The Elder Nutrition Program is supported through a combination of town funding, grant money, participant donations, private fundraising and donations, state home care reimbursements, USDA cash supplements and commodities.

The Adult Supportive Day Program is a staff supervised activities, exercise and companionship program specially designed for elders who should not or do not wish to stay home alone during the day. Staff and peer support is provided for those who are isolated, confused, suffering personal loss, recovering from illness or injury, or who have certain physical restrictions because of age related disabilities. One of its goals is to help support caregivers. This is a therapeutic program, which benefits the participants as well as the participant's family and/or caregivers.

Regular weekly and monthly programs and activities include a walking club, pool and ping pong tables, exercise classes, line dancing, computer class, monthly theme socials, bingo, Mah Jongg, movies, book discussion, a variety of card games, painting and craft groups, scrap booking group, a senior band and sing-a-long. We offer a variety of monthly educational and informational programs on a variety of topics pertinent to senior issues. We also have a travel club, which is operated by our Senior Center Citizens Association. Computer classes are offered daily and there is always open access to computers and the Internet in our rear lobby area.

Wellness programming continues to expand. New programs include Healthy Hearts, Healthy Bodies, Osteo-exercise class, and diabetes support group. Most of these programs take place in the Freedom Center next door to the main senior center. There is a frequently used exercise room with three treadmills, exercise bikes, and other equipment. The Flex & Tone exercise program, Yoga class and Line dancing continue to be popular. In addition, we offer monthly nutrition and health related informational programs, health screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, foot care clinic, hearing loss, stroke support group and a yearly flu shot clinic. We offer massages and facials, which are provided at a fee by trained professionals. The greater utilization of this adjoining space points out the need to construct a long planned connector between the two buildings for safety and convenience. We have added several evening programs, many of which are open to the entire community. We would like to expand evening programming to better serve seniors who have daytime responsibilities but staffing issues stand in the way of this goal.

Intergenerational programs involve our seniors and school age children. We are continuing to work with the school system to provide students ongoing opportunities to serve our seniors in such areas as yard work and snow shoveling.

We strive to develop collaborative programs with a variety of outside groups, organizational, and individuals. AARP provides a tax preparation for seniors from February through April. The Food Bank of Western MA provides a monthly food distribution program. We have continued our collaboration with the UMASS nursing program, which has afforded our seniors the opportunity to receive individual attention resulting in a personalized plan to deal with a variety of health issues. These collaborations provide excellent programs to the community at no cost to the taxpayers. This Christmas season the parishioners of Saint Francis' Church once again donated gifts to be distributed to our seniors. The seniors involved have been deeply touched by the generosity of our community.

Belchertown TRIAD continues addressing issues of health and safety in the community. The Belchertown SALT Council is one of many in Hampshire County supporting this project. Our TRIAD group has continued its project of providing identifying reflective house numbers to community residents. These numbers assist the Police, EMS, and Fire Departments in finding your home. TRIAD is currently fundraising in order to purchase a defibrillator for use at the Senior Center.

Dedicated volunteers are a major asset to the Senior Center. Over 100 people were recognized for their service to seniors in FY06. Over 14,000 hours of service were donated at a savings of $115,000.

The Belchertown Council on Aging Senior Center and the services that the organization provides would not be possible without the support of the local town citizens, volunteers, Belchertown Senior Center Citizens Association, grants, state and local town government. Thank you for this support.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Cultural Council conducts meetings on the first Monday of each month.

Chair:	Ljuba Marsh
Secretary:	Allison Page
Treasurer:	Michael Ben-Chaim
Members:	Sharon Cady-Harrison
	Sharon McCartney
	Dan Green
	Sharon Marean
	David Gottsegen

CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANTS AWARDED

Name	Kind	Project	Discipline	Amount
Bates, David	LCC	Celebrating New England: Sons and Stories for Everyone	Multidisciplinary	$300.00
Belchertown Teen Center	LCC	Teen Center Theatre Works	Theatre	$1,000.00
Clegg, Ellen	LCC	Catch the Beat: Together in Rhythm	Music	$500.00
Cope, Edward	LCC	Reading is Magic	Theatre	$325.00
Maichack, Gregory	LCC	Workshop: The Art of Pastel	Visual Arts	$746.00
Pioneer Valley Performing Arts	LCC	Cycles of Change Program	Multidisciplinary	$400.00
Porcino, John	LCC	To Life!	Music	$375.00
Root, John	LCC	Intergenerational Music Program	Music	$200.00
Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra	LCC	Springfield Symphony Youth Orchestra	Music	$600.00

Income	**Total**	**To be Granted Now**
Interest Revenue	0	0
Locally Raised Revenue		
Municipal	0	0
Foundation	0	0
Individual	0	0
Other	0	0
Total	0	0
Encumbered MCC Money	0	0
Unencumbered Money	0	0
Total in Local Account	0	0
	Allocation	$4,680.00
	Total Income	$4,680.00

Requests	Total Applications Received	Total Amount Requested
LLC Applications	13	$6,995.00
PASS Applications	0	0
LLC Oriented Applications	0	0
Total Applications:	13	$6,995.00

Decisions	
Approved	9
Denied	4
Undecided	0
Total	13

Expenses		
Total Administrative Funds (not to exceed 5% of FY allocation:		$234.00
LCC Projects:	Approved 9	$4,446.00
PASS Projects:	Approved 0	0
LCC Oriented Projects:	Approved 0	0
Total Expenses:		$4,680.00

DOG CONTROL DEPARTMENT

The Belchertown Dog Control Department is currently staffed by one Dog Officer (department head), two Assistants and a pound keeper. We occupy a building on Jackson Street beside the Department of Public Works.

The Department answers calls relevant to dog complaints and stray dogs. We are currently funded for 408 calls per year. Thanks to a gift fund, many necessary repairs were made to the inside of our building, which have created a much healthier environment for our guest dogs.

A study committee will be formed in the near future to look at the possibility of expanding our services to include animals other than dogs, as well as taking a close look at our by laws. As our population increases and our town grows, changes are surely going to be necessary, and the Department stands ready and willing to accept any changes the Town sees that should be made.

As always, the Dog Control Department is available to address your concerns regarding dogs in our town. We can be reached at 323-6880.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC)

The Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC) was formed by Town Meeting vote in 1992. Seven members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen with staggered three-year terms. Formed under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 121C, the EDIC's mission is to develop and implement a Town Meeting approved economic development plan on the former Belchertown State School property.

During 2006, the EDIC with the assistance of Hunter Interests, concluded a feasibility study of a tourism destination development based on local assets and consistent with the character of Belchertown. Bridgeland Development was named preferred developer and has signed a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the entire campus. It is anticipated that Bridgeland Development will start construction in the spring of 2007. The planned development cost is estimated at $240 million and will include over 500 permanent jobs.

The approved road off State Street is 75% completed with lots 1, 2/3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 sold. Three new buildings have been built. One more building is to be built in the spring of 2007, creating real estate tax base and jobs.

With agreement that the Commonwealth will retain the permanent courthouse site (Parcel F) and give a permanent easement for the main access road to the tourism destination development, EDIC will restart work on developing Parcel D (south side of Route 21).

Directors:
William Terry, Chairman
Kirk Stephens, Vice Chairman
Richard Steiner, Treasurer
Richard Kump, Clerk
Jonathan Spiegel
Lloyd Chadbourne, Jr.
Loy Harris

Associate Directors:
George Synan
Woody Sherman

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

The Belchertown Emergency Medical Services has had another busy year providing 24-hour Advanced Life Support care to the residents of Belchertown from our location at 9 East Walnut Street.

The EMS Department presently consists of four full-time Paramedics, one full-time EMT-Intermediate, and one full-time EMT-Basic. The per diem staff consists of seven Paramedics and seven EMT- Basics. In September of this year, we began staffing the midnight to 8am shift with on duty personnel instead of members being on call and responding from home for EMS calls. Two members now staff our station 24 hours a day.

In February, Kate Sullivan was appointed as a full-time Paramedic and in October, Kris Mitchell was appointed as a full-time EMT-Basic.

October was also a very sad and tragic time for us at the EMS Department. We lost a very dear friend and coworker, Steve Kavanagh. Steve was a very dedicated Paramedic and also served on the Town's EMS Study Committee. He was killed in a motor vehicle accident on October 16th in Granby. He will be missed by all of us.

The Belchertown EMS Department covers EMS calls not only in Belchertown, but also occasionally is called on a mutual aid basis to the neighboring towns. In 2006, the two ambulances responded to over 1,300 calls. Approximately 70% of these calls were Advanced Life Support, requiring a Paramedic.

We at Belchertown EMS continue to be committed to providing the best Pre Hospital Paramedic Level care possible to the members of our community. I would like to thank all members of the EMS Department for their hard work and dedication throughout the year of 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Bodamer, Paramedic
EMS Director

FAIR COMMITTEE

The 149th Belchertown Fair opened on September 29, 2006.This was a bid year and Mark Fanelli Traveling Amusement Park won the bid to become the amusement vendor. The months of planning paid off with a full schedule of new and returning activities. There was great enthusiasm among vendors and attendees alike. The theme of "Four Seasons' was interpreted in costume, music and activity including waterfalls, snowmen and beachwear. Parade participants are getting more creative every year making the judge's job very difficult. Great weather meant banner crowds on Friday and Saturday with several food booths selling out early each day. Sunday morning was a different story with monsoon rains blanketing the Fairgrounds. The faithful attended the ecumenical church service. The rabbit and poultry contest went forward under full tents. Several teams of oxen arrived but were sent home by 10AM. The remainder of the activities were cancelled due to the rain and vendors left early. Townspeople who came to the fair on Sunday were good sports and helped breakdown. Despite the weather, there was a sense of camaraderie and support. A few notable facts: The giant pumpkin weighed in at an impressive 294lbs. Vendor space sold out early. There was a wide selection of food, games and items for sale at 77 booths. 39 of these booths represented nonprofit groups including civic organizations, church and school activities. There was a last minute, but very successful blood drive for the Red Cross. There was increased support in the sponsorship area including a willingness to coordinate activities or lend equipment. As always the Police, Fire, Highway/Maintenance Department and Town Hall crew provided invaluable assistance behind the scenes.

This year was also notable because the small Fair Committee had illness within its group. The work needed to be done by those who could, often assisting with unfamiliar tasks while still carrying out their responsibility. Many of you knew of the difficulty and stepped up to offer help in large and small ways. Thank You! The Committee made public its need to get new members to begin to shoulder some of the work on an ongoing basis to make sure the Fair continues in the future. The Fair remains an event to be proud of, one that distinguishes Belchertown from many other communities. As plans go forward for the BIG 150, let's keep it going and growing. Please consider volunteering with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Brown, Chairman
Belchertown Fair & Parade Committee

FAMILY CENTER COMMITTEE

The Belchertown Family Center is a fun and exciting place for families with children up to age six to drop in during three weekly sessions: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We offer an environment that is safe and interactive for a young child to play and socialize at various developmental areas within the Center. The children are able to sit and look at books, create an arts and crafts project, pretend to be a gourmet cook in the kitchen area, hold a puppet show or jump around in the gross motor skill room. The Center also has a large, fenced-in back yard with a safe play structure, a large sandbox and riding toys for the children to enjoy.

The Belchertown family Center hosts/sponsors activities throughout the year: annual Egg Hunt, Haunted Halloween, Family Fun nights and the Ice Cream Social. We also visit the Senior Center during the year as part of an inter-generational activity, many seniors and young children look forward to the visits and the activities planned: the Thanksgiving Potluck is a favorite.

The Center operates on donated funds collected during the drop-in sessions, a grant from the Hampshire Educational Collaborative, a utility budget from the

Town and numerous fundraising events throughout the year. In 2006, we hosted our third annual 5K Fun Run and our third annual Mom2Mom sale.

The Center continues being successful through the countless parents who volunteer their time and from the support received from the Town of Belchertown and the community. We look forward to serving the needs of the young children, enjoy watching them develop socially and intellectually and create friendships that prepare them for grade school.

Sincerely,

Belchertown Family Center Committee

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department has had another successful year. Our commitment towards life safety and property conservation is our primary dedication to the community. This is accomplished through efforts of the firefighters, their families, our town officials and the great-continued support we receive from the businesses, and most of all, our great citizens of Belchertown.

The Department continues to upgrade life saving equipment with the support from the treasury of the Belchertown Firefighters Association. Expenditures exceeding $13,000.00 assisted in purchasing new rescue and demolition saws, hydraulic extrication tools known as "Jaws of Life", and ice and water rescue equipment.

The Department continues to pursue federal grants to replace and upgrade our most important apparatus, without success. The Town's second most important Fire Engine is now 33-years old and is in alarming need of replacement, however this piece of equipment comes with a cost of $385,000.00. Planning for this funding continues.

The dedicated men and women that provide the quality and professionalism that the Town relies on in their fire department, continue to train weekly on new technology and advance training practices. The Department held 107 training sessions last year, averaging out to two trainings weekly, which makes Belchertown firefighters an exemplary force.

The persistence of development, increasing population and the large geographical area that we cover has continued to hamper our response times to critical incidents. As we are an active Call/Volunteer Department our response times to emergencies would be considered reasonable for this style department. However, a Nationally recognized response standard would deem this unacceptable. Our firefighters are quality trained and experienced, the Department only lacks a quicker response time from inadequate full-time staffing. Full-time firefighters would not replace the existing call/volunteer department, but would add to the benefits of combining resources to give the citizens that quicker response which could be that key factor between life, death, and property conservation. I continuously reiterate this important information, and will continue my ongoing pledge for funding to bring Belchertown into the 21st century.

Even with the new home market leveling off, Fire Prevention and Education activities still continue to increase with little relief. Increases in population, ongoing home construction, commercial sites, and many new proposals create inspection demands and added services that overburden this department's full-time staff. More full-time staff is needed and must be considered in the near future.

It is very rewarding to recognize the commitment the citizens make to this department, and the benefits that the Fire Department can provide back to the community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Edward F. Bock, Fire Chief

Members of Belchertown Fire Department

Chief Fire Inspector
Captain John Workman

Deputy Chief
James Hodgen

Captains
Timothy Lofland
Richard McGinnis
Robert Hodgen
David Auchter

Lieutenants
Edward D. Fuller
Max Bock
Tom Cooke
Darryn Beaudry
Michael Samson

Firefighters
David Gay
Sam Joyal
Paul Tierney
Donald Thayer
Jeff Hodgen
Paul Salvatore
Scott Cameron
Edward Knight
Paul Greene
Scott Rae

Firefighters (continued)
Matt Rivest
Jeff Scott
Matthew Gemme
Mark Lavallee
Mike Beaupre
Herbert Wood
Patrick McMorrow
Scott Chapman
Gilbert Ocasio
Thomas Giguere
Jon Ritter
Jeff Haughey
Robert Ladd Sr

Auxiliary Firefighters
Amanda Hodgen
Kevin Fitzgerald
Dan Austin

Types of Responses 2006

Structure Fires	29
Vehicle Fires	12
Vehicle Extrication	12
Wildland Fires	55
CO Alarms	23
Hazardous Spills	17
Faulty Appliance	107
Sounding Alarms	11
Investigations	18
Mutual Aid	12
Total	**296**

Inspections and Permits

Open Burning	890
Smoke Detector	291
Oil Burner	131
Propane Storage	116
Underground Tank Removal	09
Fuel Storage	02
Blasting	15
Total	**1454**

HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

The focus of the Hampshire Council of Governments continues to be to help local governments save money and solve problems through regional cooperation - as it was set out in the Council Charter - and a commitment to the concept of local control over local affairs. The combined dues for the Council of Governments in FY2006 were $148,823. The dues collected help support Council programs, services, and assistance to a variety of programs.

The Council's Electricity Program is a new venture that has seen tremendous growth and possibility in its first year. Over this fiscal year, 17 towns in Hampshire and Franklin Counties contracted with the Council for electricity supply for their town facilities. On March 27, 2007, the Council began buying and selling electricity as a licensed competitive supplier. Future goals include extending the Council's electricity services to businesses, and finally, residents through a municipal aggregation. In the first four months as part of this program, Belchertown has saved in excess of $46,000.

The Cooperative Purchasing Program, now in its 26th year, coordinates and administers a formal bidding process on behalf of Council departments, municipalities, school districts, and human service agencies and miscellaneous governmental entities throughout the Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire County region. Buying in bulk generates added savings over lone bidding efforts while complying with state procurement statutes and eliminating duplication of administrative work. The total purchasing volume for goods and services for FY2006 was $4.3 million with a projected savings of $933,960.

In a year when many towns are facing double-digit rate increases in health insurance premiums, our towns once again held their costs to single-digit increases. The Hampshire Councilors serve as the trustees of the Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust, a cooperative effort to provide health and life insurance with excellent benefits at competitive rates. The Trust manages a self-funded group of health insurance products with a collective premium for the Trust of over $29,000.000.

The Regional Services Department develops regional approaches to problems shared by Hampshire County municipalities. The department secures surplus federal equipment for various Massachusetts municipalities and state entities. The current net savings of property delivered to member communities for FY2006, after fees and delivery charges, totaled $25,466. Member communities receive a discount on the fees, as well as the right of first refusal on nicer pieces of equipment obtained through the surplus program. Regional Services continued its oversight of the Hampshire Inspection Program, which provides building inspection and zoning enforcement services. Emergency inspection services are also available for other towns not in the program for an hourly fee.

The elected Councilors provide public oversight for Hampshire Care in Leeds, a rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility owned and operated by the Council and County since 1914. The facility provides for 120 patients, with over 250 admissions per year from all the towns in the County. The majority of patients are admitted for rehabilitative care following an accident or illness. Hampshire Care also provides post hospital treatment, and long-term nursing services. The facility has an exemplary record of performance on State and Federal surveys, and rates highest in the County on State Survey results. (See Massachusetts Department of Public Health "Nursing Home Report Card.") As a government owned, non-profit facility, Hampshire Care has no owners or stockholders to report to and concentrates all of its resources on offering the best patient care possible. All revenues for the facility's operation come from patient services. The Council would like to be able to expand the public services being offered on the campus of Hampshire Park, where Hampshire Care is located. Hampshire Care also provides a substantial number of good jobs, with 120 full-time equivalents and over 150 employees. The total financial impact on the local economy is about $8 million dollars.

One of the less noted benefits to local communities is the impact that Hampshire Care has on the cost of retirement benefits. It has been calculated that retirement benefit costs for most communities would rise substantially if Hampshire Care were not part of the Hampshire County Retirement Board.

In addition to the various departments, programs, and services, each Councilor attends a monthly Full Board Meeting as well as a Standing Committee Meeting. Each Committee has oversight of specific departments and programs and continues to look for ways to increase revenue and provide services. The Council is currently working on proposals for development of the Hampshire Park area of Hampshire Care. Ideas discussed include the potential for the addition of a charter school, a housing program, and other developmental ideas to enhance the property and raise revenue.

For further information on Council programs, expenses, and revenues, please contact the Councilors' Office at 413-584-1300, ext. 2 for a copy of the most recent annual report.

BOARD OF HEALTH

Communicable Disease Report - 2006

The following contagious diseases and animal bites were reported for the Town of Belchertown in 2006:

Animal Bites:
Cat bites: 4; Dog bites: 13

Reportable Diseases:

Lyme disease:	38
Chicken Pox:	1
Meningitis:	2
Salmonella:	2
Giardia:	1
Hepatitis C:	1
Campylobacter:	1
Hepatitis B:	3
TB:	8
Pertussis:	5
Shigella:	1
Encephalitis viral:	1
Suspect Rabies exposure:	1

The control of communicable diseases remains a very important focus of our public health program. Our surveillance and control objectives are as follows:

- Receive and process disease reports
- Maintain patient confidentiality
- Investigate source or possible transmission mode
- Enforce quarantine and isolation laws
- Ensure access to medical testing and treatment
- Educate to reduce risk

Our efforts are dependent on cooperation from area physicians, hospitals and schools. To have a successful infectious disease control program, we must receive reports in a timely fashion.

All contagious disease reports received by the Board of Health Office are investigated by Margarita Canuel R.N. from Wing Memorial Hospital and Medical Centers. The Board receives free services from that organization to provide public health nursing services to Belchertown residents.

List of services given to Belchertown residents by Wing Memorial and Medical Centers:

- Public education
- Blood Pressure Screenings
- Glucometer testing
- Telephone Consultations
- Home visits providing services and education to the elderly and disabled.
- Coordination of community resources
- Referral services
- Immunization Clinics
- Assisting in updating Belchertown workers and facilities with OSHA regulations.
- Educating Belchertown workers on work safety and prevention of infectious diseases.
- Case follow-up on latent Tuberculosis testing and non-infectious diseases for state surveillance.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margarita Canuel R.N.
Belchertown Public Health Nurse

2006 Permit Activity

The following is a list of the various permits that were issued by the Board of Health office in 2006.

- Well Permits: 60 (52 New Construction, 8 Replacements)
- Septic Permits: 110 (53 New Construction, 57 Repairs)
- Food Establishment Permits: 29
- Limited Food Establishment Permits: 6
- Retail Food Permits: 15
- Residential Kitchen Permits: 1
- Massage Therapy Licenses: 18
- Tanning Unit Permits: 14
- Ecology Can Permits: 0
- Funeral Director License: 1
- Hauler's Permits: 8
- Public Pool Permit: 1
- Public Spa Permit: 0
- Temporary Food Permits: 4
- Belchertown Fair Temporary Food Permits: 33
- Mobil Food Permits: 0
- Day Camp Permit: 1
- Piggery License: 3
- Frozen Dessert License: 2
- Mobil Home License: 1
- Tobacco Retail Permits: 13
- Septic Installer's Permits: 57
- Milk & Cream Licenses: 32
- Bakery: 1

Respectfully Submitted,

Colleen Aberdale, Senior Clerk
Board of Health

QUABBIN HEALTH DISTRICT

The Quabbin Health District is a regional health department serving the communities of Belchertown, Ware and Pelham. It was established by Town Meeting vote in 1980, and is the joint effort of the local Boards of Health to provide their towns with public health professionals and services.

Our primary duties center on enforcing provisions of the State Sanitary Code and Environmental Code under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. We also provide technical assistance and educational services to residents and other municipal departments.

The Quabbin Health District serves a total population of approximately 25,000 residents in an area of about 120 square miles in Hampshire County.

The following table lists the major activity/ services provided to each town in the District during 2006.

	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham
PercTest/Deepholes and Soil Evaluations	176	76	7
Septic Application Review (New Const.)	65	28	1
Septic Application Review (Repair)	33	25	14
Septic Installation Inspections and Re-inspections	110	53	10
Well Application Review	61	N/A	2
Housing Inspections (upon complaint)	9	34	2
Housing Re-inspections	12	68	4
Rental Voucher Insp. (upon request)	1	13	0
Lead Pain Inspections	1	6	0
Condemnation (# of units)	0	1	0
Condemnation removed (# of units)	0	5	0
Food Establishment Inspections	44	61	1
Mobile Temporary Food Inspections	36	14	0
Nuisance Orders Issued or Investigated	12	29	2
Court Appearances	1	6	0
Tanning Salon Inspections	3	6	N/A
Massage Therapy Inspections	12	5	0
Tattoo Establishment Inspections	0	2	0
Pool and Sauna Inspections	7	1	N/A
Board Meetings	12	14	10

Total Activities District-wide: 1095

The Quabbin Health District is governed by a Board of Directors, which is composed of the elected Board of Health members from all three communities within the District. The meeting places rotate among the three Town Halls. During 2006 the main agenda items discussed by the Board were the 2007 budget, town assessments, and the rising cost of health insurance and pension costs.

The Health Director and Inspector work in all three communities and maintain fully functional workplaces in both the Ware and Belchertown Town Halls. The District provides administrative/clerical personnel at both locations as well.

An ongoing activity of personnel is to participate in continuing education seminars and training sessions sponsored by various Federal and State agencies as well as professional groups. All three communities belong to the Hampshire Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coalition, with the Director of Public Health sitting on the Executive Committee.

I would like to thank members of the District Board of Directors for their continued support. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and effort shown by my co-workers: Randall Gauley, Health Inspector; Betty Barlow, Administrative Assistant; Colleen Aberdale, Senior Clerk.

Sincerely,

Judy Metcalf, R.S., C.H.O.
Director of Public Health
Quabbin Health District

HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW COMMITTEE

At the Annual Town Meeting in May 1990, The Belchertown Center Historic District was established under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, entitled "The Historic Districts Act." Under Chapter 40C of the MGL, cities and towns may establish Local Historic Districts to preserve and protect buildings and places of historic or architectural significance.

The Local Historic District provides for the review of proposed demolition, new construction or significant alteration within the boundaries of the District in order to ensure that the proposed work is compatible and not disruptive to the visual character of the District. It does not restrict the use of buildings or land beyond that established by local Zoning By-laws. Presently, there are over 100 Historic District Commissions operating in Massachusetts, administering over 200 Local Historic Districts.

Although there are many significant historic properties within the town, the Historic District Commission is responsible for the protection of those structures that are within the Center Historic District

Historic District Commissions are at the frontline of preservation in Massachusetts. The review authority and oversight they have is a very effective method of preservation. In fact, our own Historic District was created because of the concern that there was significant change happening within the area of the Town Common – several buildings had been moved to other areas of town, one had been demolished.

During the past year we held one public hearing regarding proposed work within the Historic District. In that case the application was denied. The Commission offered to work with the applicant to explore other options that are available. Two other applications for certificates of appropriateness were filed late in the year and public hearings will be held in January 2007.

After many years of volunteering on the Historic Bylaw Commission Annie Steiner chose not to be reappointed because of time constraints. Her contribution to the group was invaluable.... thank you Annie. We all enjoyed working with you and miss having your input and unique perspective. Denise Smith was appointed in September 2006 to replace Annie Steiner on the Commission.

In April 2003, the Historic District Bylaw Commission adopted Historic District Design and Maintenance Guidelines. Part of the design guidelines included a section on appropriate signs for the District. Owners of properties and businesses had three years to bring their signs into compliance. That period ended on June 1, 2006. According to the guidelines, "signage within the Historic District should contribute and be in keeping with the historic character of the Common."

Traditional wood or wood like carved or painted signs are strongly encouraged. We are working with property owners to help them come into compliance with this new design guideline and are looking forward to the elimination of all internally illuminated and neon signs in the historic district in the very near future.

During 2007 we want to continue to address the lack of parking on the north end of the common and hope to find a viable solution to this problem in 2007.

For the fourth year, the Historic District Commission was pleased to present its annual preservation awards. This has become an annual event for properties located within the Historic District. The property owners chosen were recognized for their efforts in safeguarding the historic integrity of their homes for future generations to enjoy. These buildings are significant to the history of Belchertown and add a great deal to the Town's character. Those presented with awards, in the form of historic markers for their properties were:

The Congregational Church, Park Street, was built ca. 1789 to replace the first meetinghouse, which stood on South Main Street. Elijah Dwight and several other proprietors erected the building. Because there was much disagreement as to where a new meetinghouse should be located, the Town was slow to accept it. The Town finally accepted it in 1792. Originally this building was smaller and the main entry faced the Common, with a single-story porch entry on the north and bell tower on the south gable end. By 1828, the congregation had outgrown the edifice and meeting house styles had become much more elaborate than the plain, simple style of the eighteenth century. At this time the structure was cut in half and the north end of the building was moved about nine feet with new construction between both ends. The main doorway was moved to the south end of the building where a Federal style façade with quoins, dentilled cornice and full pediment, topped with a bell tower was erected. In 1872 the building was again altered. Little has changed on this building in over 130 years. The trustees of the Congregational Church are to be commended for beautifully maintaining this building…one of the most photographed buildings in Belchertown.

John Workman owner of *The Wright Bridgman, Jr., House* at 44 Park Street was built ca. 1856. It is a well-proportioned and detailed Greek revival. It is also one of the largest houses of this style in Belchertown and appears to have been designed as a duplex with two spacious living units. Wright Bridgman was the last cashier of the ill-fated Farmers Bank (1-5 Main Street), was part owner of the "Brick Store" (39 Main Street), served as Postmaster, and was also a cigar merchant. Over the years, Mr. Workman has done significant restoration of this building preserving the historical integrity of this prominent home within the historic district.

Jennifer Kenworthy and Deborah Robes, *The Levi Smith House* at 25 South Main Street was built ca. 1818. It is a Greek revival in style with an ell and a garage. A copper canopy covers the porch, an unusual feature for a Belchertown home. Israel Cowles, a prominent carriage manufacturer in the middle of the nineteenth century, once owned the house. The side yard was the site of an early blacksmith shop up until the early 1940's the property had been in the Curtis family for over one hundred years. This home is beautifully maintained and is a significant property on South Main Street.

Since the first Historic District was established on Nantucket in 1955, Historic District Commissions have greatly influenced the preservation of irreplaceable resources throughout the State. We hope that this gives you renewed pride in our historic district, appreciation of the beauty of our town center and the need to preserve it for future generations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqueline Dupre, Chair
Rob Condon
Peter Roberts
Denise Smith
Jonathan Spiegel

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members:
Steven Cole
Shannon Materka
Maxine Oland
Alice Pelissier
Leslie E. Squires - Chairman
Knowlton Utley

Associate Members:
Judy Fuller Gillan
Loy Harris

During the past year the Belchertown Historical Commission was busy working on our Demolition Delay Bylaw. We have the Bylaw to the point that we feel it is time to present our ideas to various groups in town. We have met with the Selectmen and presented our outline the basic approach we intended to follow. We wanted to get their reaction before we undertook any detailed drafting.

We met with the Town Administrator, Gary Brougham, as well as the Building Inspector, and the Planning Board. In the "participative drafting" process we met with the Belchertown Land Trust, the Historic District Commission, the St. Francis Pastoral Council, the Senior Center, and the Clapp Memorial Library. We have discussed our idea with Bridgeland Corporation.

Work continues on the Bylaw.

Submitted by:

Leslie E. Squires, Chairman
Belchertown Historical Commission

INSPECTION SERVICES

The Inspection Services Department issued 54 new construction-building permits for single-family residences, 14 new construction-building permits for condos and 3 new construction-building permits for business/commercial during the year 2006. This represents 35 less than the 2005 figure of 89 for single-family construction.

The total number of building permits for the year totaled 509. This includes all single-family homes, additions, demolitions, sheds, garages, barns, etc. The biggest changes in comparing 2006 with 2005 were a marked decrease in the construction of single-family dwellings (54 in 2006 compared to 89 in 2005 and 100 in 2004) and a small increase in additions and repairs to homes (240 in 2006 compared to 210 in 2005).

Paul Adzima continues to serve as the Building Inspector, as well as the ADA Liaison, Weights and Measures Inspector, and Zoning Enforcement Officer. Michael Henry continues to serve as Assistant Building Inspector.

David Fredenburgh continues to serve as primary Plumbing and Gas Inspector and Christopher Hubbard is serving as Assistant Plumbing and Gas Inspector.

Paul Choiniere continues to serve as primary Electrical Inspector and Douglas Rae is serving as Assistant Electrical Inspector.

MOBILE HOME PARK RENT CONTROL BOARD

Members of the Board

The Board is to be composed of five members, serving staggered terms, appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board started the calendar year with three members: Simon James; Steven Syriac; and, Daniel Beaudette. There is no Chairman at this time. The fourth and fifth Board member positions are presently open and have been repeatedly advertised to the public as available.

Steven Syriac's appointment expired June 2006, and he was reappointed at that time. The Board appreciates his continued participation.

The terms of the present members are:

Simon James	6/30/2009
Steven Syriac	6/30/2011
Daniel Beaudette	6/30/2007

The present Board is composed of three white males.

Activities before the Board

There have been no requests for activity under the Town Rules and Regulations for Mobile Home Parks, so the Board has not met during this year.

Compliance with the Belchertown Community Plan

There were no action items specifically addressed to the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board. The Board recognizes that affordable housing is a significant item in the plan and that (mobile) manufactured homes are an important part of providing low cost housing to our community.

Projects and Recommendations

The Board expresses its concern that the situation of failing infrastructure and health code violations cited by state and local officials at the Sportshaven Mobile Home Park continues to create an unsuitable situation for its inhabitants.

For the Board,

Daniel R. Beaudette, Member

PARKS, BEACH AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We continue in our efforts to offer our community a variety of activities aimed at enriching leisure activities for the residents of Belchertown. Enjoyment and safety of the participants in recreational programs will always be our number one goal. By trimming some corners and the invaluable help of volunteers we were still able to hold weeklong clinics this past summer for basketball, baseball, softball, tennis and soccer. Additional programming offered this year included Cardio Funk and Swing Dance Classes. Those ages three to adults were able to enjoy such summer programs as art classes, baton, Take-A-Hike, biking, Canoeing, and jr. bikers. Two new programs that were introduced last summer were again very successful this past season (MAD Science Week and Adventure Week). We survived our 14th annual basketball tournament with no delays from Mother Nature.

In the Spring of 2006 we continued our overall beautification of the Town Beach by adding even more play sculptors for our young visitors and continuing with our landscape improvements. Our second summer of enjoyable weather along with special events held throughout the beach season once again increased our daily attendance.

With the continuing support of our loyal patrons and restructuring our budgets we have been able to continue to offer many different aquatic services. We are continuing to offer the following programs; American Red Cross Learn to Swim Classes, Scuba, morning and evening water exercise classes, lap swimming 5 nights a week, in the wee hours of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, along with morning hours on Saturdays and Sundays. Family swim time is offered to the public Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Private rentals of the pool continue to be very popular with most every Saturday and Sunday booked during the winter and fall months. Private schools and local boys and girls scout troops continued to use the facility this past year. Water Safety Instructor Courses and American Red Cross and CPR/FPR training courses were offered in the spring and fall.

As always we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the many area businesses that generously donate to our many causes time after time and welcome new sponsors to our family. We greatly appreciate the tremendous amount of time that our coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers unselfishly give to the youth of this community. We acknowledge the assistance we receive from the Maintenance Department, Town Hall offices and the Belchertown School Department, whose commitment to the residents of the Town make it possible for this department to be able to offer a variety of programming.

PLANNING BOARD

There were some changes in the development pattern in 2006. Residential development decreased and there was more interest in commercial building. The Inspection Services report has a breakdown of new house building permits issued for the year.

The Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen have initiated the five-year update of the Community Plan. Both boards encourage all of you to be involved in guiding the Town's growth. There is much going on and everyone is affected.

Development Activity

Subdivision Approval Not Required (ANR): Any time someone is to change a property line, even if the same person owns the two adjoining lots, the plan must be endorsed by the Planning Board and recorded at the Hampshire Registry of Deeds. If the change does not create a new building lot, or if it does create a building lot but each new lot has the required frontage on an existing public street, subdivision approval is not required. The Planning Board must simply endorse the plan indicating that it does not create a subdivision.

Fifty-seven new building lots were created along existing town roads through ANR plans. This is 19 fewer ANR lots than last year. There were numerous other ANR plans submitted that simply moved property lines without creating new building lots. The new building lots were created as listed:

Wilson Street	6
Barton Avenue	4
Pine Street	4
South Liberty Street	4
Eskett Street	3
Grela Terrace	3
Railroad Street	3
Sabin Street	3
State Street	3
West Street	3
Chauncey Walker Rd	2
Daniel Shays Highway	2
North Washington Street	2
Rockrimmon Road	2
Underwood Street	2
Amherst Road	1
Concord Road	1
Gold Street	1
Goodell Street	1
Howard Street	1
Mill Valley Road	1
North Street	1
Old Bay Road	1
Old Pelham Road	1
Rural Street	1
Turkey Hill Road	1

Preliminary Subdivision Plans: the Planning Board reviewed four preliminary subdivision plans during 2006, but none of these was followed with a definitive plan. A preliminary subdivision plan is an opportunity for a developer and the Planning Board to negotiate a project in its early stages before the binding obligations of a definitive subdivision submittal.
Preliminary plans are not required for residential subdivisions, but are required for all non-residential subdivisions. A preliminary plan in many ways protects a developer by prompting a "freeze" on certain regulatory changes that may take effect within a certain amount of time. As long as the preliminary plan is followed by the submittal of a definitive plan within seven months, changes such as zoning or subdivision regulations do not apply to that project. This is true even if the Planning Board does not approve a preliminary plan. All of preliminary plans reviewed in 2006 were for residential subdivisions, however, for each of them, the seven-month freeze period lapsed.

Definitive Subdivision Plans: There was no new definitive subdivision plan reviewed during 2006.

Other subdivision activities included extending the construction periods for Concord Road, High Bluff Road, and Pheasant Run. Modifications were approved for Pepper Ridge Road. The Planning Board monitored seventeen subdivisions under construction during 2006, including the ones noted above.

Completed Subdivisions: One subdivision was completed in 2006. Helen Lane was completed in August.

In April, the Clearwater Ridge subdivision, which is upper Barton Avenue and which had been abandoned by its developers, was closed out by the planning board and is now complete. It had become the property of the Town through tax delinquency.

Other Development Reviews: The Planning Board reviewed several site plans and special permit applications.

Site plan approvals:

- Office buildings for Windmere, LLC on Bridge Street
- Dunkin' Donuts on State Street
- The large parcel now called Pride Park at the corner of State Street and Turkey Hill Road

- The new courthouse on State Street
- An office building and gym on Turkey Hill Road
- The Sports Shed on Sargent Street

There was one 55-and-over housing condominium complex approved in 2006. This is the second phase of Jonquil Estates off North Main Street. This has 14 units.

Three common driveway special permits were granted, one for four lots off Old Pelham Road, one for four lots off Pine Street, and the other for four lots off Mercier Drive.

A special permit was granted for earth removal off Allen Road, and a special permit for earth removal off Federal Street was extended.

Planning Projects and Recommendations

The Planning Board makes recommendations to Town Meeting on proposed revisions to the Zoning Bylaw. Sometimes the Planning Board proposes a change, in other cases, other parties request a change to the Zoning Bylaw or map. Any change in zoning requires an application to the Board of Selectmen, and for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a recommendation to Town Meeting. The Planning Board does not sponsor nor support every proposed change to the Zoning Bylaw or map.

Compliance With the Belchertown Community Plan

The Planning Board continued implementing the recommendations of the Community Plan. Some of the actions include:

- Supported two zone changes to encourage small-scale neighborhood business development.
- Encouraged developers to include more open space and preserved land in their projects.
- Communicated with the proposed developers of the State School and advised on zoning and other development concerns.
- Supported legislative revision of Massachusetts' land use laws.
- Advocated adding pedestrian facilities, such as sidewalks along streets.
- Work with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission on two Smart Growth grants from the state – one to develop a handbook for developers; the other to research improved methods of storm water management and improvements to our open space community development bylaw.
- Initiated with the Board of Selectmen the five-year evaluation and revision of the Community Plan.

Other Work of the Planning Department

The Town Planner continues to oversee the Town's Geographic Information System (GIS). There is an Internet version of the GIS, accessible via the Town's web site. The main system has been not been funded for several years and needs attention.

The Planning Board's web site linked via the Town Hall site is maintained by the Planning Department. This site has the subdivision regulations, forms, other documents, and some useful planning-related links.

Continuous activities of the Planning Office and Planning Board include reviewing and processing plans, monitoring projects, voting on development and land division applications, and making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeals and other boards. The Planning Board reviews requests for changes to zones and the Zoning By-law and makes zoning recommendations to Town Meeting. The Planning Board reviews common drive developments, subdivisions, "Approval Not Required" plans, non-residential site plans, earth removal plans, and wireless communication facility plans. The Planning Board also made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the town's right of first refusal to purchase land held under Chapter 61 restrictions. The board also advises and assists other town offices, developers, property owners, and the public.

The Town Planner manages the Planning Office and assists the Planning Board in development review, procedural interpretation, and research. The Town Planner also coordinates planning and reviews with other town offices, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, developers, residents, and businesses. The Town Planner maintains contacts with the UMass Landscape Architecture and Regional Planning Department, state agencies, our legislators, professional planning organizations, and planning colleagues.

Board Membership

The Planning Board membership as of December 31 was as follows:

- James Natle, Chair, and Single Signature for "Subdivision Approval Not Required" plans (term expires: 2009);
- George Synan, Clerk (term expires: 2010);
- Daniel Beaudette, Vice Chair (was appointed to fill vacancy in Dec. '05, elected to full term that expires in 2011);
- Louis Faassen, Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, elected for remainder of an incomplete term, term expires in 2008);
- Christopher Laurenzo, (appointed to fill vacancy, term expires in 2007);
- Donald Pipczynski, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (appointed annually.).

Past members during the year:

- Joe Gilman, (term expired in 2006);
- Elizabeth Chase, (resigned in September, 2006);
- Matthew Jackson, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (term expired July 1, 2006);
- Christopher Laurenzo, Alternate Voting Member for Special Permits, (resigned upon appointment to full membership).

Staff

- Susan Gay is the Planning Board Secretary;

- Douglas Albertson is the Town Planner and Alternate Commissioner to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

The Board and staff thank Elizabeth (Tibby) Chase for 15 years of leadership on the Board. She was chair for two years. Tibby contributed much more than was apparent through her efforts to meet people, visit sites, and learn all the sides of an issue.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Planning Board,

Douglas Albertson
Town Planner

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department remained proactive in 2006, continuing to provide quality services to the residents of Belchertown as our department's call volume and activity continues to increase each past year.

Our dispatch center received 21,316 calls for services; an increase of 5,011 calls from the previous year. We received 1,614 emergency 9-1-1 calls. Officers made 342 arrests. For a total of 1,013 incidents. Officers issued 2,528 motor vehicles violations. The Police Department investigated 248 motor vehicle accidents.

The Police Department continues to promote the community policing philosophy offering numerous community based-policing programs and services through a community police grant received yearly from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety.

Community policing, traffic safety and working with local schools and senior citizens continues to be one of our department's priorities. The Department continues to assign a full time school resource officer to work within the middle and high school assisting staff and students, which have been met with great success. The Belchertown Police Department and the Belchertown Public Schools are committed to keeping this position in place within our School District, and through this cooperation continued to keep funding in place for this position this past year. The D.A.R.E curriculum is being presented at the 5th and 10th grade levels; Officer Jason Krol continues to teach the program with great success. Both the Police Department and the School Department endorse the program and remain committed to teaching children to resist the dangers of drugs. The Police Department continues to work with the community's senior population through the T.R.I.A.D program and the local S.A.LT (seniors and law enforcement working together) The Police Department and the Senior Center committee meet on a monthly basis and work on special projects throughout the course of the year, this group is always looking for and would welcome new members.

Belchertown Police Officers with cooperation of the Belchertown Recreation Department continue to teach the RAD and RAD kids programs. This program is designed as a personal empowerment safety education program. Women and children continue to receive the programs with overwhelming response and enthusiasm. The Police Department continues to seek plans to work with the School Department to implement the RAD Kids program into the K-4 curriculum this coming year. Two officers and two school employees will be trained in early 2007. The Police Department continues to offer the RAD program as a community course and at the high school for junior and senior women so they can receive classroom credit for the program.

The Police Department continues to offer the Child Passenger Safety Seat Program, this program is sponsored by the Governors Highway Safety Bureau and allows our department to install and check the safety of car seats for our community's children. Safety seat installations will be held throughout the course of this coming year on a monthly basis. Residents may call the Police Department to make appointments for this service.

The Police Department continues to make the safety of our community's roadways a priority. The Belchertown Police Department continues to receive several traffic safety grants though out the course of the year, the Governors Highway Safety Bureau sponsored these programs through the agency Click It or Ticket initiatives, and funds received are used to address seat belt usage, impaired and aggressive driving issues.

The Belchertown Police Department this past December was one of the first four municipalities in the State to upgrade its Emergency 911 systems increasing the abilities to track emergency calls through GPS technology.

The Belchertown Police Department this past year welcomed officer David Williams to the ranks of a full time position with our agency replacing an officer who resigned to seek other employment. On February 3 2006, Officer Steve Henn and Officer Dennis Fitzgerald graduated from Municipal Basic Police Academy at Springfield Technical Community College.

The Belchertown Police Department continues to strive to keep this community safe and viable for residency and business growth through the service of public safety to the community. The cooperative efforts and partnership of all town departments, government and especially our community residents is appreciated and helps the Police Department remain proactive in best addressing the needs of public safety and the needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis R. Fox, Jr.
Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Forward progress within the Department of Public Works remained steady throughout 2006 despite another round of lean budgets, record inflation for the cost of construction materials, and the additional demands the Town's growth has placed upon our resources. Our significant activities are outlined below:

Long Term Planning & Accomplishments

Pursuant to the Town 's Community Plan, the Department continued to focus on projects to improve our transportation network and recreational areas. The Route 181 Reconstruction Project continued to advance as the field survey and the preliminary design were completed. Similarly, the reconstruction of Three Rivers Road (South Main Street and North Washington Street) also advanced as the field survey was completed and the preliminary design process began. Both projects will be introduced in more detail to the public through a series of public hearings throughout the permitting process, in 2007.

The Massachusetts Highway Department was very active in Town this past year. They completed the reconstruction of the River Street bridge over the Swift River, and repairs to the bridge on Mill Valley Road over the Jabish Brook. Construction of the new bridge on Route 9, between Belchertown and Ware continued, and the design and specifications for a new bridge on South Street were completed. In addition, the design and specifications were completed for the resurfacing of Route 202 from the center of Belchertown to Packardville Road in Pelham. The South Street bridge and the Route 202 resurfacing are scheduled to begin in 2007.

The Department is working closely with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission to study traffic patterns within the Route 202 corridor from Route 21 to the Main and Maple Streets intersection. The purpose of this study is to identify areas of congestion and outline alternatives to address them. In 2006 the necessary data was collected through a series of traffic counts, and a final report should be available in 2007.

The Community Plan's call for the expansion of the Town's sanitary sewer infrastructure was supported by the Department's request for authorization to borrow funds for the installation of sewers in the Ledgewood Estates neighborhood, and to replace the undersized sewers within the former State School campus. At the May Town Meeting we successfully obtained authorization for the State School project; however, the Ledgewood Estates project was not as fortunate. By the end of 2006 we completed the field survey and design work for the State School project, and we are expecting construction to begin in 2007; the Ledgewood Estates sewer project is on hold until further notice.

The Department was also fortunate to have an opportunity to enhance the Town's recreational areas by improving access to the Piper Farm located between Maple Street and Springfield Road. In a cooperative effort with the Belchertown Land Trust we constructed a four car parking area off Maple Street. Although this was a relatively small project, we are hopeful it will be a starting point to allow the Town to better utilize the property for recreational purposes.

Highway Division

The Highway Division began the year in its usual fashion, performing snow removal. During the first quarter, a total of 11 storms dropped a total of 42 inches of snow with an average cost per inch, to remove it from the Town's roads, of $3,822.47. Normally, this Division would end its year performing similar activities, however, the late fall and early winter months were well above average in temperatures. Consequently, the Division was required to spot sand on only three occasions. The Division split the remainder of the time between street sweeping, hot patching potholes, cutting brush, installing signs, routine maintenance, and resurfacing streets.

The following streets were resurfaced in 2006:

- North Street: bituminous concrete – 2700'
- Stebbins Street: bituminous concrete - 8740'
- George Hannum Street: chip seal – 3500'

- Franklin Street: bituminous concrete - 2000'
- Old Enfield Road: chip seal – 2100'
- No. Washington Street: bituminous concrete – 1000'
- Dressel Avenue: chip seal – 2650'
- Summit Street: bituminous concrete – 2000'
- Boardman Street: chip seal – 3750'
- Kimball Street: chip seal – 2100'
- Kopiac Avenue: chip seal – 1600'
- Munsell Street: chip seal – 3250'

TOTAL: 35,390'

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Wastewater Treatment Plant received 146.51 million gallons of raw sewerage this past year, well above the 105.84 million gallons received in 2005. This is partially due to new sewer connections and extensions. In 2006 we had 47 new connections, 18 of which came from the Tri-Lakes area and the remainder are from new construction within the existing system. We also had several sewer extensions to serve new developments. These extensions were included in the following locations:

- Route 21 to serve an office building/fitness center.
- Bridge Street to serve two proposed offices
- Route 21/202 to serve a proposed courthouse
- North Main Street to serve a condominium complex
- Old Pelham Road to serve a condominium complex

Another reason for the sharp increase of flow to the Wastewater Treatment Plant is the amount of groundwater infiltrating the older sections of the sewer system. To reduce this portion of flow entering the facility we developed a 10-year mitigation plan to identify areas in need of repairs, prioritize them based on severity, and to recommend corrective actions to the Board of Selectmen. Year one will commence in 2007.

Safety Committee

The Department's Safety Committee met several times throughout 2006 to review accidents, implement new safety measures, and to schedule training. Throughout the year they organized several seminars to address the following topics:

- Blood born pathogen exposure mitigation
- Material safety and data sheet analysis
- Hazardous material spill response
- Vapor recovery system operation
- Back safety
- Hand tool safety
- Heat exposure
- National incident management system
- Power line electrical safety
- Personal protective equipment
- Stormwater awareness
- Defensive driving and awareness
- Trench safety
- Right to know

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Division

The Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Division was busy in 2006 caring for 32 Town buildings, and over 200 areas of open space, cemeteries, and athletic fields. Most of their time was spent performing routine maintenance, however, they also completed an impressive list of projects, listed below:

- Construction of a 24 x 36 garage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

- Completion of the Department's new salt shed
- Repairs to the dugouts at Parson's Field
- Repairs to the sidewalks at Lawrence Memorial Hall
- Repairs to the gazebo on the Town Common
- Replacement of the furnaces at the Franklin School (Family Center)

As previously mentioned, the Maintenance Division performed extensive repairs to the Town's historic gazebo on the Common. It should also be noted that, as part of his Eagle Scout project, Mr. Sean Zoufaly provided the necessary labor and materials for the priming and painting of the structure, which completed the project in grand fashion.

Transfer Station

Activity at the Town's Hamilton Street Transfer Station remained steady throughout 2006. A total of 1,900 households participated in our program generating the following quantities of solid waste and recyclables.

- 158 tons of commingled containers
- 510 tons of paper and cardboard
- 1350 gallons of waste oil
- 682 tires
- 987ons of solid waste

Because of continued patron support, careful management of expenses and rigorous enforcement of the facilities' rules and regulations, we are able and pleased to report only slight increases to our Transfer Station fees in 2006. For a full year pass the fee was increased to $75.00 and for senior citizens the full year pass was increased to $60.00. Large trash bags remained $12.00 for a bundle of ten, and small trash bags remained at $9.00 for a bundle of ten.

Cemetery Division

The Cemetery Division conducted a total of 18 burials, 9 of which were cremations. Other routine activities include lot sales, grounds maintenance, lot layout, and headstone repair

Other projects completed in 2006 include the following:

- The purchase of an additional 3.75 acres of land adjacent to South Cemetery was completed and clearing activities marked the beginning of the cemeteries' expansion.
- Two new wrought iron gates, donated to the Town by Perspective Welding, were installed at Lake Vale Cemetery.
- Six flagpoles to represent each branch of the military service were donated to the Town by the Roccanti Family and installed at South Cemetery.
- New signs were installed at each cemetery to identify its name and the year the cemetery was established. This work was a cooperative effort between the Roccanti Family, the Veterans' Graves Officer, and Eagle Scout candidate Aaron Astley.

Tree and Vegetation Control

Tree and vegetation control activities increased in 2006. Hazard tree removal and roadside mowing accounted for the majority of work in 2006, 42 trees were removed. The varieties included, white pine, eastern white ash, red oak, white oak, hemlock, American elm, red maple, sugar maple, and butternut.

Concluding Statement

The Department of Public Works always manages to complete each year successfully, none of which would be possible without continued support of the Town, the countless private contractors, and the employees within the Department. I would like to thank each of our employees (listed below) for their continued dedication and hard work.

- Cheryl Bishop, Administrative Assistant
- Max Bock, Buildings Maintenance Supervisor
- Walter Bosworth, Highway Division Foreman
- Darin Braese, Highway Division Equipment Operator I
- Kevin Brown, Grounds Maintenance Supervisor
- Michelle Burns, Custodian
- Ed Burton, Highway Division Operator I
- Terry Chevalier, DPW Laborer
- Robert Cole, Highway Division Supervisor
- Robert Cole, Jr. Transfer Station Attendant
- Steven Cole, WWTP Operator I
- Rollin Dewitt, WWTP Operation's Supervisor
- Chris Elias, DPW Laborer
- Edward Forgette, Highway Division Mechanic
- Debra Giammarino, Custodian
- Scott Hennessey, WWTP Operator II
- Michael Jamgochian, DPW Laborer
- Tom Kirley, Highway Division Equipment Operator I (retired 12/31/06)
- Rene Lafleche, Highway Equipment Operator II (resigned 04/22/06)
- Denis Lessard, Highway Division Operator II
- Sean Madden, DPW Laborer
- Joe Michalak, Transfer Station Foreman
- Jeffrey Patenaude (resigned 07/21/06)
- Leo Peet, Highway Division Operator I
- Lenny Russell, Temporary Laborer
- Robert Syrek, DPW Laborer (resigned 05/09/06)
- Terrance Szczygiel, Highway Division Operator I
- David Wanczyk, WWTP Operator I

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Williams, Director
Department of Public Works

BELCHERTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent's Report

School Department highlights in 2006 included making adjustments to accommodate continued student enrollment growth, adding and expanding programs and services to meet the increased diverse needs of students, developing new five-year district-wide goals, earning solid MCAS scores, significantly improving school bus transportation services, and expanding the electronic communication system to better inform the school community and to reduce costs.

Regarding student enrollment growth, as the Town's population grew so did student enrollment. The continued trend of a slow but steady growth resulted in a student enrollment increase of 47 students (i.e., from 2650 to 2697). The largest growth occurred at the high school level, with an increase of 29 students (i.e., from 742 to 771 or a 4% growth), resulting in the addition of two academic teaching positions to help reduce class size. The number of entering kindergarten students also showed no decline, which sustained the School Department's prediction that large grade level enrollments of approximately 200 students or more (e.g., 224 in grade 5,217 in grade six, 240 in grade eight) would continue to move up through the grade levels as smaller size classes continue to graduate from Belchertown High School.

As a result of the successful district-wide reorganization that occurred in late 2005, which included opening the former 9-12 high school as a newly renovated 7-8 middle school, transforming Cold Spring School into a PK-K early childhood center from a K-2 elementary school, modifying Swift River Elementary School from a 3-5 elementary school to a 1-3 elementary school, and changing the Chestnut Hill Community School from a 6-8 middle school to a 4-6 intermediate school, everyone had adequate time to comfortably settled into each new school's grade level configuration in 2006. The increase in the number of available classrooms as the result of opening the new Jabish Brook Middle School, along with an adequate School Department budget facilitated under the leadership of Eric Weiss, Chair of the School Committee's Finance and Budget Subcommittee, allowed the School District to expand programs and services to better meet the diverse needs of students. In addition to regular school day and special education program and service expansion, the identification of funding to continue the middle school's after school activity program and the development of a new pilot elementary and intermediate school student savings bank program, with strong support from the Curriculum and Instruction Subcommittee chaired by School Committee member Beverly Phaneuf, enhanced the School Department's focus on adding and supporting enrichment programs for students. The remaining reports highlight some of the School Department's new and expanded programs and services.

One of the biggest tasks accomplished during 2006 was the successful identification and publication of new district-wide goals for 2006-2011. Under the able facilitation of Barbara Schaffer-Bacon, School Committee Chair, and Keith Poulin, parent volunteer, representatives from the School Committee, school administration, school councils (i.e., school teachers and parents), parent teachers organization, Selectmen, and interested citizen groups, worked diligently to successfully develop and earn unanimous Belchertown School Committee approval for a new mission statement and new district-wide goals. The approved mission statement and goals that became the new five-year roadmap to guide Belchertown Public Schools were and will remain from 2006 through 2011:

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MISSION (PK-12)

Belchertown School District's mission is to provide for the instructional needs of every student, in safe and healthy environments, by utilizing challenging curricula, appropriate instructional methodologies, current technology and effective assessments. To this end, the School District emphasizes joint ownership, respect and collaboration among administrators, teachers, support staff, students, parents, and citizens to support continuous School District improvement and to maintain a focus on student achievement.

SCHOOL DISTRICT'S GOALS (PK-12)

Goal 1. Maintain a safe, healthy, student centered learning environment

Goal 2. Focus on student achievement

Goal 3. Ensure a challenging curriculum, coordinated throughout the district

Goal 4 Ensure efficient school district operations and effective policies

Goal 5. Sustain and encourage community support and partnerships

The School District's 2006 MCAS scores continued to be strong. Regarding the aggregate scores (i.e., for all students combined), the Belchertown School District continued to be rated under the federal *No Child Left Behind Act* and the state's MCAS standards as making AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) in both English/language arts and mathematics. However, students in some subgroups (i.e., low income and special education) continued to be challenged. In English/language arts, the grade 3-5 low income and special education subgroups were identified as needing further improvement. In mathematics, the grade 6-8 special education subgroups also were identified as needing further improvement. The School District remained optimistic that the recent increase in the number and variety of special education programs and services would help students in both these subgroups improve their MCAS scores in 2007 since an analysis of all subgroup scores indicated that most low income students who were challenged on the 2006 MCAS were also included in the special education subgroups.

Providing students with improved school bus transportation services was a major task successfully taken on by the Property and Transportation Subcommittee, chaired by School Committee member Sharon Barnett. After several years of receiving continual complaints from school administrators, parents, and students, the regular school bus transportation contract was awarded to a different vendor, resulting in significant improvements and almost zero complaints.

2006 was the year in which the School Department increased its emphasis on electronic communication to make school information and documents more readily available to its school community and to save costs through a paper reduction program. The School District's website added many new features in 2006 such as recent announcements, a superintendent's monthly newsletter, and direct links to all school-site web pages. New documents added to the school district's web site included: new program curriculum guides as completed and approved, student-parent handbooks, employee contracts, job descriptions, personnel evaluation templates, policies, and school menus. In addition, all school-sites had developed their own new or expanded web sites with direct links to the district-wide web site to allow school community members to access many school district and individual school documents such as mission statements and goals for all schools, school calendars, district NCLB report cards, school improvement plans, district professional development plans, district technology plans, school budgets, district time and learning plans, and school bus routes. The new individual school websites also added their own personalized information like school event calendars, special announcements, staff directories, and PTO information. A major electronic communication project, facilitated by School Committee member Linda Tsoumas as chair of the Personnel and Policy Subcommittee, with assistance from school-site administrators, was the total re-formatting of all student-parent handbooks for placement on the School District's web site to reduce printing and distribution costs.

As Superintendent of Schools, I continue to be fortunate to work under the direction of a School Committee, along side school personnel (i.e., administrators, support staff, teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, and food service staff), and to have parent volunteers, who are totally dedicated to providing quality schools for Belchertown.

School Business Manager's Report

In 2006, the School Department's formal procedures for monitoring its budget spending, along with the receipt of additional funding from the town to help with unexpected increases in the cost of fuel oil and electricity, resulted in the effective use of its financial resources to provide and support quality education for all Belchertown students. Superb accounting work by Carla Kutt, Charlene Ulmer, Angela DiVico, and Ann Maziarz in the School's Business Office resulted once again in no audit exceptions.

Under the direction of Robert Lachance, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and thanks to a very dedicated custodial/maintenance staff, all school facilities continued to meet the School Department's very high standards for cleanliness and safety. Utilization of formal lists which included both general building repair needs and preventative maintenance projects, developed as the result of scheduled special inspections and everyday attention to daily custodial and maintenance responsibilities, earned the School District outstanding evaluations from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. SBA's team of state appointed experts assessed all five Belchertown school buildings. Belchertown High School (four years old), Jabish Brook Middle School (42 years old), Chestnut Hill Community School (20 years old), and Swift River Elementary Schools (10 years old), all received the highest possible rating, and Cold Spring School (52 years old) received the second highest possible rating. Capital improvement funds were allocated to replace the entire roof and several unit ventilators at Cold Spring School during the summer and fall of 2006. Also a recycling grant was received from the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Advisory Board to develop a recycling program for paper at all the schools.

The school lunch program continued to maintain student participation levels above the State average, which reached a 76% participation rate under the leadership of Ann Marie Beaupre, Director of Food Services, with the assistance of her hard-working food service staff. The Belchertown School District continued to purchase locally grown produce to help the local economy. Also, school lunch menus with a breakdown of nutrients (e.g., calories, fiber, vitamins, protein, carbohydrates, fats) continued to be published monthly and were made available on the School District's web page. The food service department provided food for several special school events during 2006, including snacks before students took MCAS tests. In addition, Ann Marie Beaupre was an important participant in the development and implementation of the school district's new Wellness Policy (i.e., required by federal law).

The Belchertown School District continued to provide, expand, and improve its school bus transportation services for all students. Based on Massachusetts Chapter 30B regulations, the Town went out to bid for regular school bus transportation and awarded a three-year contract to First Student, Inc. (i.e., for 2006-2007, 2007-2008, and 2008-2009). The School District provided school bus transportation for all students in grades kindergarten through 12 on 21 school buses. In addition, through a contract with Van Pool Transportation Company, the School District provided transportation for many students requiring special accommodations. Also, school bus transportation continued to be provided for students participating in after school activities and high school athletics.

Special Education Director's Report

The 2006 school year included, among other special education priority projects, focusing on the requirement to provide follow-up documentation to the Massachusetts Department of Education related to the School District's most recent Coordinated Program Review Audit. The School District's CAP (Corrective Action Plan) was developed and submitted in response to the Massachusetts Department of Education's 2004 Coordinated Program Review Audit. Of particular note (i.e., a major part of the CAP) was the addition of two Special Education Team Leader Coordinators who coordinated all required referrals and team meetings. These new positions immediately brought quality control to the special education process and improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the School District's special education department. The Massachusetts Department of Education's response to the School District's implementation of its CAP follow-up report was that every area requiring improvement was successfully achieved. In addition, special education administrative support staff successfully compiled and submitted documentation related to the School District's compliance with the new "Cohort" state and federal timelines and was found to be in full compliance.

A new district-wide special education program of studies guide entitled "Continuum of Services" was developed following a reallocation of special education budgeted resources. The School District brought more out-of-district funding back into the School District to increase its capacity to provide more in-district services for its 420 students with special needs. Both restructured and new special education programs across the School District included, but were not limited: co-taught classrooms, pull-out resource room programs, language learning programs, and behavior modification programs at Swift River and Chestnut Hill; a learning skills program at Jabish Brook; and a center for specialized instruction at Belchertown High.

Special education in-district programs and services that were already in place, but that were expanded or significantly improved included: the integrated preschool programs; occupational therapy services, physical therapy services; and speech/language therapy services. In addition, the district hired a full-time autism specialist, a full-time school social worker, and a full-time assistive technology specialist in order to reduce the need to contract out for these services and to build the district's capacity to provide for new students moving into the school district. The high school also added a part-time job developer to help high school students develop work-related skills for transitioning out into the community.

Finally, although successfully bringing more students with special needs back to Belchertown schools, 46 still required out-of-district placements.

Early Childhood Center (CSS) and Elementary School (SRE) Principal's Report

The 2006 school year was very successful and productive for both CSS (Cold Spring

School) and SRE (Swift River Elementary School). Several new staff members were appointed, including those hired as the result of retirements, to the following positions: Robert Kuhn, Assistant Principal; Diane Janas, School Nurse; Melissa Denza, Physical Education Teacher; Ryan Butler, Music Teacher, Bianca Schliemann, Preschool Teacher; Joanna Wellman, Librarian; Elizabeth Barbeau, First Grade Special Education Teacher; Jennifer Harris, Second Grade Special Education Teacher; Elizabeth Brunelle, Third Grade Special Education Teacher; April Prior, Special Education Resource Room Teacher; Jessie Gagne, Special Education Resource Room Teacher; and Anira Dahlstrom-Hakki, Speech Therapist.

The influx of so many new and talented educators inspired and rejuvenated the existing faculty and staff. Sharing innovative instructional program ideas and best teaching practice techniques enhanced everyone's abilities to provide more challenging instruction for all 851 students (i.e., 567 students at SRE in grades one, two, and three, and 275 kindergarteners and preschoolers at Cold Spring School). Also the addition of co-taught classrooms at every grade level and Learning Language, SAILS (Students Achieving Independent Learning Safely), and Pathways Programs across all grade levels, increased the school's continuum of student services to more effectively meet the special needs of our students.

Both CSS and SRE were fortunate to have a very active PTO (Parent Teachers Organization). The PTO fulfilled many teachers' wish lists with helpful supplements and specialized items to the delight of students, faculty, and staff. The PTO also developed a new CSS and SRE playground design that will eventually result in new playground facilities for both schools. The PTO board has been very involved in many fundraiser events to support CSS and SRE.

The members on the CSS/SRE School Council drafted and adopted a new School Improvement Plan to reflect the needs of their new school's grade level configuration. School Council members decided to use the state's new PIM (Performance Improvement Mapping) model so that their efforts and initiatives would provide the best results with consistent and ongoing accountability. The members who served on this Council were: Sandra Bremer, co-chair/principal; Elise Wright, co-chair/parent representative; Shannon Synan, parent representative; George Oulundsen III, parent representative; Heidi Oldenburg, teacher representative; Lee Harder, teacher representative; and Hazel Hardaker, community representative.

Other factors that contributed significantly to an outstanding 2006 year were the generous efforts and contributions gained from our extensive Volunteer Program and our highly recognized Grandparent Program that encompassed all grade levels.

The staff and faculty worked closely with Belchertown Police and Belchertown Fire personnel on several Safe School initiatives including refining existing safety procedures and practicing various drills. A new wellness policy, food allergy policy, and character education program were adopted and implemented to ensure the education and development of the "whole child", a philosophy that is promoted and highlighted at this level.

All accomplishments at CSS and SRE were successful as the result of a collaborative approach from both the individual and collective efforts of parents, guardians, faculty, staff, students, citizens, and administration. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to all who helped to make 2006 an exceptional year!

Intermediate School (CHCS) Principal's Report

In 2006, CHCS (Chestnut Hill Community School) welcomed several new staff members to meet the needs of 644 students in grades four, five, and six. New personnel were: Kate Lappe, Grade Four Special Education Teacher; Laura Cresta and Becky Taylor, Grade Five Special Education Teachers; Jesse Greene and Krista Shea, Grade Six Special Education Teachers; Diane Spotts, Special Education Resource Room Teacher; Joanna Wellman, Librarian; Sharon O'Neil, Special Education Specialist; and Amber Janes, Social Worker.

CHCS was proud to be part of the School District's expansion of its continuum of programs to better meet the diverse needs of students with special needs. Pathways, which provided intense instruction in a small group setting, SAILS (Students Achieving Independent Learning Safely) dedicated to children with significant student behaviors, and Language Learning for students with significant reading issues that affect their learning in all content areas, were welcomed as new instructional programs.

The PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) was very successful in its fundraising activities. In addition to providing funds for various classroom needs, PTO donations were paramount in helping CHCS match the costs for the new carpet in the school's foyer to give a sense of warmth and welcome as visitors, staff members, parents and children enter the building. Everyone from CHCS was deeply appreciative for the PTO's generosity during 2006.

Community service projects at CHCS received an increased focus. Administrators, faculty, support staff, students, and parents and guardians, participated in a food drive, a re-gifting activity, and general fundraiser. The donations from all three events went to support several needy Belchertown families and to support the grade six theatrical presentation of "Scrooge", which raised money for the Herman Bowden Scholarship Fund.

CHCS developed its own website to improve communication with its school community. Special messages, newsletters, and links to school and school district documents were included on the web page to provide important information for parents, guardians, and citizens.

CHCS continued to offer the wonderful Nature's Classroom overnight experience for grade four students. This annual enriching activity was made possible by the very dedication grade four teachers, several support staff members, and parent chaperones. Nature's Classroom is an academic-based program on Cape Cod which provide authentic environmental experiences for students.

The Belchertown Cultural Council funded a special reading program entitled "Ed the Wizard". The focus of his program was to use magic as the vehicle to encourage reading in grade four, five, and six. CHCS continued to play an important part in promoting reading across the curriculum.

All grade five students went on a special field trip to see "Charlotte's Web", which was preceded by classroom discussions on the importance of friendship in everyone's lives. Many of the students were quite surprised with the mature presentation of the movie and returned to school that day very excited about the experience.

A new version of the CHCS monthly school newsletter was published in 2006. Each newsletter contained a calendar with school happenings, messages from different departments, a letter from the principal, parental articles of interest, and specific grade level news. This has proved to be an effective way to provide information from guidance, band, the nurse, the librarian, the PTO, the School Council and the Superintendent.

To promote the performing arts, CHCS students began planning the production of "Annie, Junior", to be presented to the school and community during the first week of May, 2007.

CHCS also began planning the development of a new students savings bank program to help students learn about the value of saving money. The program begins in January of 2007, with a grade four pilot program. Each grade four family received the necessary information in December of 2006.

Finally, CHCS formulated a new School Council. Its members are: Mary Alice Austin, Erin Hebert and Karen Horak (parents); Dale Aliberti., Laura Cresta, and Diane Brown (teachers); and, Barbara MacKenzie-Rodgers (principal). The Council took active roles in: assessing the student MCAS results; working together on community service projects; supporting the school district's new wellness policy, and reviewing the school's proposed FY08 budget.

Middle School (JBMS) Principal's Report

Administration, faculty, support staff, students, and parents and guardians successfully adapted to the new surroundings at JBMS (Jabish Brook Middle School) in 2006. The new JBMS environment was constructed as a carefully balanced combination of some carry-over programs and services from CHCS, the continuation of a very strong academic curriculum, and new ideas to encourage the start of new traditions.

A new school mascot, the falcon, new school colors of gray and blue, and a new school newsletter, The Falcon's Nest, were developed by JBMS students as a way to establish a new school identity. Annual events, including the National Geographic Geography Bee, were held in January, the Winter Concert performance by the JBMS Band was held in February, and May brought MCAS testing as well as the Great East Music Festival. In June, an Eighth Grade Celebration and Aloha Dance were held at BHS to symbolize the transition of our students to the high school.

To prepare students for the challenges of moving on to high school and to successfully transition students in from the intermediate school, a team-teaching model to foster a student centered educational environment was developed and implemented at JBMS. MCAS testing results clearly indicated that JBMS students compared favorably with students throughout the state.

The after school program, designed to provide extra-curricular activities for JBMS students, was successfully overseen by the JBMS administration within a smaller middle school environment. Financial resources from outside the school budget were required to support this valuable program. Restructuring the design of the program and eliminating some previous administrative costs provided our students with activities throughout the remainder of the school year. The after school program continued to provide such activities as jewelry making, MCAS remediation, homework club, unicycle, aerobics, and even knitting. Attendance continued to increase as the result of the variety of after school programs offered at JBMS.

During the summer of 2006, a new school database system was installed at JBMS to make available improved capabilities related to processing, disseminating, and transferring student information. The new software package provided a student grading, scheduling, and general information database to better service middle school students. A great deal of thanks go out to the MIS (Management Information Services) computer staff for their hard work, dedication, patience and endurance to get JBMS up and running.

In 2006, a few scheduling changes were implemented, including having both grade seven and eight operate within a seven period day schedule. In order to accomplish this, an X-Block was created within the JBMS master schedule to provide both enrichment and remediation opportunities for students during the school day. X-Block time was also used for academic review, inter-disciplinary activities, and for MCAS testing preparation. In addition, special education services were expanded in order to provide additional services and to open up more options for parents and students for specialized support services. Co-teaching classrooms were also added at JBMS to align with the expanded continuum of services model.

Staff, students, faculty, administration, and parents and guardians of JBMS continued to work together to provide the best possible programs and services for middle school students. The Jabish Brook Middle School PTO and School Council were active participants in reviewing and supporting all the diverse needs of middle school students. It is through the cooperative effort of the school community that JBMS was able to continue to be a successful and productive learning environment.

High School (BHS) Principal's Report

In 2006, the administration, faculty, support staff, and students enjoyed another outstanding year at BHS (Belchertown High School). BHS students continued to excel in all of their academic, athletic, musical, and co-curricular pursuits. BHS students and faculty continue to make a difference in our community.

In March, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents recognized Ms. AnaLisa Potishnak and Ms. Mary Yovina as award recipients for 2006. A lovely dinner was hosted by Pathfinder Regional Vocational High School for AnaLisa, Mary, and their families and other Western Massachusetts recipients.

On Saturday, June 4th, the Class of 2006 graduated from BHS during a beautiful ceremony held in the gymnasium with faculty, family, and friends celebrating the accomplishments of this class. Mr. Daniel Bergeron, BHS Assistant Principal, delivered the commencement address. Other speeches were given by Mr. Aaron Bacon, president of the class, Ms. AnaLisa Potishnak, valedictorian of the class, and Ms. Mary Yovina, salutatorian of the class. During the week prior to graduation, many events took place to honor the Class of

2006. Over $100,000 in scholarships were awarded to BHS seniors during the awards ceremony. The awarding of these scholarships would not have been possible without the generosity of the many groups and organizations in the community. A special thank you to them for assisting our bright and talented students in their pursuit of educational, work, and military opportunities.

In addition to saying goodbye to the Class of 2006, BHS also said goodbye to two faculty members. Mr. Paul Adamski served as an English teacher and Mr. James Waddell served as a computer science teacher at BHS. Both of them taught in the District for over 30 years. They gave so much to the BHS community and we thank them for being superb educators who were committed to their profession. We will miss them very much and we wish them all the best!

On Tuesday, September 5th, 760 students and 100 faculty and staff members filled the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium for Opening Day convocation. During the convocation ceremony, new educators and new students were recognized. Our new educators included: Kelly Swiatlowski, English Teacher; Peter Lantaigne, English Teacher; Steve Koziol, Science and Technology Teacher; Maria Scudere, Biology Teacher; Cathy O'Neill; Social Studies Teacher; Cecilia Goncalves, Mathematics Teacher; Deborah Tupek-Mendrala, Mathematics Teacher; Ruth Kampe, Special Education teacher. The students, faculty, and staff were very excited about the opportunities that awaited them in the coming school year.

On September 22nd, a Spirit Assembly was held in the gymnasium. The BHS Marching Band opened the assembly with the playing of the National Anthem. Spirit and enthusiasm filled the gym. Recognition was given to several different individuals and groups during the assembly. All new faculty, staff, and students were recognized. The winter, spring, and fall athletic teams were recognized for their success. Friendly competitions between classes took place. Holding a Spirit Assembly so early in the school year helped to create a positive climate in the building.

During the week of November 13th, the Classes of 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and the Student Council recognized the faculty and staff with cards, bookmarks, and breakfasts in appreciation for all that they do.

On December 8th, the BHS National Honor Society held the Senior Ball and welcomed the senior citizens of our community to join them for an evening of music, dance, and refreshments to ring in the holiday season. A great time was had by all who attended.

As we close out 2006, all of us at Belchertown High School are proud of what our students and teachers have accomplished throughout the year. The Belchertown High School community is a very special place filled with very caring individuals. It is a great place to both teach and learn as we foster academic excellence and responsible citizenship in a positive, safe, and respectful environment.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. With the addition of the town of Warren to the District and the appointment of Raymond Starsiak as its representative, the school committee currently consists of ten members. At the biennial state election in November 2006, incumbents Michael Cavanaugh, Robert Dupuis, Michael O'Connor, and Barbara Ray were re-elected to four-year terms. Mr. Cavanaugh and David Droz, of Palmer, will continue as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

CURRICULUM

Pathfinder students have continued to "hold their own" and have demonstrated continued improvement in their performance and achievement on the MCAS tests. The number of students who scored in the "Advanced" category increased significantly. Also, 98% of the sophomores passed the ELA portion during the March testing period. These results clearly indicate the dedication of the staff, the effectiveness of the extra classes, and the importance and value students now place on their MCAS performance. For the fourth consecutive cycle, Pathfinder met the standard for "Adequate Yearly Progress "prescribed in the "No Child Left Behind" law.

Two significant and potentially exciting initiatives were launched in the fall of 2006. The nationally-recognized pre-engineering program *Project Lead the Way* was introduced to a select group of freshmen. Currently a science elective, this offering will eventually lead to a comprehensive and rigorous pre-engineering program involving several technical departments.

Also in 2006, Pathfinder received Department of Education approval to convert the Information Technology Program into two separate, four-year offerings: Programming and Web Page Design and Office Technology. Previously the single program included limited exposure to both areas.

Pathfinder continued to build on several of the efforts that were launched during the previous school year, including:

- Expansion of the mandatory portfolio requirement in academic and vocational studies for all freshmen and the continued investigation of the use of digital portfolios.
- Reinstitution of the Renaissance Program and the continuation of the trimester system for 2006-07.
- Continued on-site staff development in cooperation with Westfield State College, including the course entitled *Writing Across the Curriculum.*
- Training in Red Cross CPR and First Aid and OSHA for students and staff as appropriate.
- Alignment of vocational programs with the newly developed state curriculum frameworks in preparation for offering the Certificate of Occupational Proficiency—a new credential for vocational students.

Municipal and community service projects continued to be important components of the Pathfinder curriculum for junior and senior students. These projects also constitute a major portion of the school's commitment to local town departments. The following list is a sample of such efforts completed over the past year:

- Automotive students continued to service the school vehicles and participated in several benefit car washes for local charities.
- Auto Body staff and students organized an annual car show, the proceeds from which support the "Skills USA" program at Pathfinder. They also converted a fire department vehicle into an unmarked cruiser for a local town.

- Auto Reconditioning students continued to service vehicles for police, highway, and water departments for member towns. Students in this program also sponsored several benefit car washes and bake sales.
- Building Services students continued to provide custodian services to the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce.
- Cosmetology students provided services for the Palmer Senior Center and demonstrated manicuring and hair styling for the Monson Girl Scouts.
- Culinary Arts students planned and provided meals for many local town and civic organizations as well as for the school's public events and the daily elderly lunch program.
- Electrical students performed improvements to the wiring of the lighting at the public park in Three Rivers, improvements to the communications system at the Warren Middle School, and installed a sports scoreboard at Palmer's Converse Middle School.
- HVAC students made improvements to the heating system at the Monson Polish-American Citizens' Club.

Deserving of special mention is the group of Pathfinder students who spent their April vacation building a house for Hurricane *Katrina* victims in Florida under the auspices of Habitat for Humanity. This project received national recognition and was featured in an edition of *Techniques*, the monthly journal of the Association for Career & Technical Education.

The school's Cooperative Education Program allowed eligible seniors and juniors—in the second half of the school year—to receive a paid, career-related job experience in lieu of attending their vocational program at the school. To be considered for and remain in the program, students must demonstrate above average grades, attendance, and discipline.

Throughout the year, 46 students participated in the program. This "real world" opportunity allowed them to improve upon their previously acquired work ethic and basic skills. With employers acting as mentors, the young apprentices earned a fair wage and were exposed to a wide array of technical experiences. As the school year progressed, the students enhanced their skills, developed interpersonal skills, and experienced valuable lessons in maintaining a balance among their personal lives, school academics, and their jobs.

The ultimate compliment to the students, their parents, and to the school is the number of instances where employers elected to place co-op students on permanent status once they graduate. Similarly, the school was pleased to note that all junior co-op students returned in September with the same employers.

TECHNOLOGY

As the use of technology increases in the classrooms and vocational shops, Pathfinder provides students with an understanding of and proficiency in 21st century technology skills as a new basic. Approximately 99% of staff uses technology for professional activities every day, with approximately 50% using technology for instruction every day.

The ratio of students per "high end" computer is 2.02:1 with 100% of the classrooms connected to the Internet. There are 360 instructional computers connected to the Internet, 37 of which are in the school library. A second Internet connection has been installed to give students the ability to complete certain on-line modules required for graduation and to facilitate the maintenance of electronic career portfolios.

Older equipment continues to be replaced on a 3-4 year cycle, resulting in the acquisition of 24 high-end computers, new software, network laser printer, and network-capable plotter in the CAD area. Along with new laptops, this equipment supports the newly introduced pre-engineering coursework. In order to implement Robotics in the Electronics Program, 10 new robust computers were installed along with a new laser printer and laptop for instruction and potential student competition

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment totaled 663 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 83; Granby 36; Hardwick 19; Monson 85; New Braintree 8; Palmer 188; Ware 125.; and for the first time, Warren 41. The remaining 78 students were residents of out-of-district communities.

During this past year, the Guidance Office—which also serves as the Admissions Office—received 354 applications for September admissions. Of the applications received, 314 represented applicants for the 175 openings in the 9th grade. Once again, transfer opportunities into the 10th or 11th grades were very limited, and there was a waiting list for vocational offerings in grades 9, 10, and 11.

Parents or students seeking to learn more about Pathfinder or to visit the school had a variety of options available to them throughout the year. Each fall/winter Pathfinder's Guidance Department visited the 8th graders in our member towns to provide an in-depth presentation about Pathfinder's offerings and the application process. Students who were interested were invited to attend a field trip to visit Pathfinder and get a first-hand look at technical programs, facilities, and to interact with current students. This visit is a great opportunity for the students to experience a typical day at Pathfinder. The spring Open House evening—which attracted a large turnout-- featured a free spaghetti dinner and a tour of the facility, including a stop in each vocational area for students in grades 5-8 and their parents. In addition, the summer Youth Enrichment Program and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for middle school students continued to attract large numbers of enthusiastic participants. For students and parents with Internet access, Pathfinder's website (www.pathfindertech.org) provides detailed information about our academic and technical programs, sports and extracurricular activities, as well as the application process.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Technical Honor Society inducted a deserving group of new and existing members in an impressive ceremony. To qualify, students must have a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.5 or above and exhibit the qualities of skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. The induction ceremony is held in early spring so that senior inductees can include this recognition on college, scholarship, and work applications. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting underclass students as guests who had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and who demonstrated potential for induction into the Society.

Pathfinder's Renaissance Program continued to be well received by staff and students alike. A faculty committee chaired by Judy

Mercier oversees this popular initiative. Each trimester, the program recognizes and rewards students for academic and vocational accomplishments. Students who earn high honors are eligible for a "Gold Card;" students earning honors receive a "Silver Card;" and students who have made noticeable improvements are awarded "Most Improved Cards." Students who have perfect attendance for the year are also eligible for Renaissance recognition. Each level of card comes with its own perks and rewards ranging from homework passes, to free admission to school dances, to discounts at local businesses. In addition, each trimester Renaissance students earn raffle tickets towards the end- of- the- year drawing for prizes like televisions and video game systems. The Renaissance Program is supported through fundraising efforts as well as generous donations from local businesses.

At the Twentieth Annual "Outstanding Vocational-Technical Student" awards dinner sponsored by the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and the Massachusetts Vocational Association, Monson resident Courtney Gilligan represented Pathfinder. Courtney, a student in Ornamental Horticulture, was a deserving nominee given her exemplary performance at the school. Over the four years, she earned a myriad of academic and technical awards for excellence and outstanding achievement and won the trophy for Highest Academic Achievement in her freshman, sophomore, and senior years. She was elected an officer for the Future Farmers of America (FFA) organization for three years, serving as Reporter, Vice-President, and eventually President. In addition, she participated in Pathfinder's soccer, basketball, and wrestling teams. Courtney was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society her junior year and graduated as valedictorian of her class in June 2006 with a cumulative GPA of 3.953. Last spring she was featured in an article in the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette* about students choosing to enter the workforce directly from high school; Courtney planned to start her own interior design business.

Samantha Mariani of Monson was selected as Pathfinder's nominee for the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators/Massachusetts Vocational Association's Walter J. Markham Award. Like Courtney, Samantha was also an Ornamental Horticulture student and consistent academic award winner. Samantha had a passion for science and as a sophomore participated in the University of Massachusetts Program for Encouraging Tomorrow's Scientists. In her junior year, she was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society, served as a peer mentor, and was a member of the girls' soccer team. She also served as FFA Treasurer for two years. In December of 2005, she was named a recipient of the John & Abigail Adams Scholarship. In her senior Year, Samantha opted to enroll in the Early College program through Holyoke Community College. While at HCC, she excelled in botany and served as a member and Treasurer of the Japanese Anime Club. In June 2006 Samantha graduated from Pathfinder with a cumulative GPA of 3.82

Students who participated in Skills USA competition brought recognition and honor to the school by winning medals at the district, state and---for the first time--national competition. Health Technology student Catherine Milkowski earned a bronze medal during the national competition in Kansas City, joining the more than 50 medal winners from Massachusetts schools.

In June 2006, the graduating class of 141students received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 80% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level, while about 5% had made commitments to serve in the military. Interest in four-year colleges also continued to be a popular option for graduating seniors. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive effect on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Additionally, three students successfully participated in the Early College program offered through the local community colleges.

Approximately $63,400 in scholarships-- as well as United States Savings Bonds to students active in the military-- was awarded to members of Pathfinder's Class of 2006. Once again, state and local organizations and businesses, post-secondary institutions, as well as private individuals, continued to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates in the form of generous donations. The School Committee, administration-- and particularly the graduates-- are grateful for this support and are especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and staff members.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Members of Pathfinder's Student Council continued their active participation in local service activities. During the Red Cross Blood Drive, they collected more than 65 pints of blood. Once again the Thanksgiving Food Drive resulted in a successful campaign that delivered baskets to Valley Human Services for local needy families. Council members also sponsored a Pancake Breakfast in December during which they raised $660 to benefit the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Springfield.
The Drama Club performed two plays during the year, including *Dreamweaver* in May of 2006 and *Isfahan* in November.

Pathfinder's athletic teams enjoyed exceptional success during 2006. Over 200 students were involved in the various programs. Significant increases occurred in freshman and female participation.

- The Boys' Varsity Soccer team returned to post-season play after a two year absence by qualifying for both the State Vocational Soccer Tournament and the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The Varsity Football Team finished as co-champions of the Tri- County League and earned a position in the State Vocational Super Bowl.
- The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team fell one win short of qualifying for post-season tournament play but notched more wins than in the previous five years.
- Senior Joe Hess was selected to play in the Western Mass. Senior All-Star game.
- The Girls' Basketball Team qualified for the Western Mass. Tournament.
- The Wrestling Club advanced to varsity status and will compete in a full varsity schedule in 2006-07.
- The Varsity Baseball Team won the Tri-County League title and qualified for both the Vocational Baseball Tournament and the Western Mass. Tournament.
- Paul Mawaka and Aubrey Morin were named Outstanding Senior Athletes in the Class of 2006.
- The Pathfinder Booster Club—in its second year--continued to provide seasonal banquets and awards for student athletes at local facilities.

SPECIAL SERVICES

During 2006, the Special Education Department continued to recognize its responsibility to provide a continuum of special education and related services for eligible students in accordance with the provisions of state and federal regulations. The Department is committed to providing a range of supportive services to maximize student learning.

The Special Education Department strives to address the diverse needs of all learners in grades 9-12 and to students enrolled in the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Through integrated efforts with students, parents, and other student support services, the Department focuses on promoting each student's self-awareness, ability to self-advocate, and sense of self sufficiency.

Staff members conducted Team evaluations, annual reviews, and diagnostic reviews for 57 students in the MVIP Program and 142 students in grades 9-12.

The Department currently includes 15 professionally licensed teachers, 7 paraprofessionals, and a full-time secretary. Licensed specialists include a Speech and Language Pathologist, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

Pathfinder continued to provide resource room instruction for all major courses offered in grades 9-12. The required history and science courses align with the state Curriculum Frameworks. Mathematics courses in the resource room feature an integrated approach to algebra and geometry in preparation for the MCAS tests. Resource English includes a variety of novels, short stories, and vocabulary exercises—all in preparation for the MCAS tests. Math, reading, and language arts instruction continued to be supplemented with Title I funded instruction.

This past year, the MVIP Program actually operated above full capacity with 57 students. All six shops offered instruction closely coordinated with Chapter 74 approved programs in which they are housed. Components of the program included:

- **Office Business**: Students work on printing, duplicating, and collating brochures and mailings for member communities and non-profit groups.
- **Building Services**: Students learn care of interior surfaces and coverings, building exteriors and grounds, and the use of some hand and power tools necessary in this line of work.
- **Horticulture**: Students learn maintenance of greenhouse and vegetable gardens, landscape maintenance, and floral design.
- **Auto Reconditioning**: Students learn the basics of cleaning and polishing cars along with professional workmanship, and they provide this service to the public.
- **Food Services**: Students learn the fundamentals of food preparation and service and assist in the preparation and production of the daily school lunch.
- **Health Occupations**: Students learn to maintain the patients' environment and to communicate with as well as assist them with various types of care. The students are trained in light housekeeping and shopping duties.

The vocational-technical personnel in the MVIP Program prepare the students for a *support* role in the aligned program area. At graduation exercises in June, 7 MVIP students received their certificates.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

PATHFINDER 2006 GRANT AWARDS

Grant	Amount	Use
P.L. 94-142 (Special Education)	$216,047	Two staff salaries, a hall monitor, 40 evaluations, software and supplies
SPED Improvement	$5,000.	Staff Development – 2 aides received full certification
Tobacco	$1,400	Sustainable Tobacco Awareness Campaign
BIOTECH Grant	$8,760	Equipment to expand to DNA tracing and mapping
Teacher Quality	$27,032	Portion of Highly Qualified SPED staff salaries
TECH Enhancement	$14,625	Two slicers with automatic shutoff and 2 shields for mixing bowls
TECH Safety	$25,000	State -of -the art ventilation system in Auto Body Shop
Perkins Funds (Vocational Educat.)	$81,701	Math Mentor, *Project Lead the Way*, "Writing Across the Curriculum" course
Innovative Programs	$1,986	Conversion of *Renaissance Learning* to Internet format
Title 1	$90,489	Language Arts and Math Specialists
Academic Support (School Year)	$21,873	Afternoon MCAS Remediation Programs
Academic Support (Summer)	$6,348	Summer MCAS Remediation Program
High Schools that Work	$20,000	Staff attendance at Summer Conference, Afternoon Remediation Program and HSTW Coordinator
Workforce Investment Act (WIA)	$46,707	Summer work/enrichment for 25 disadvantaged youth
WIA – Performance Award Grant	$7,914	1,000 hours of school year employment
SPED Electronic Portfolio	$1,200	Alternative assessment training
Safe and Drug Free	$3,035	Teacher training and materials for PEERS for PEACE implementation
TOTAL	$ 576,082	

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities that took place during the year.

The summer Youth Enrichment Program served 118 children between the ages of 9 and 13. The program ran for four one-week sessions during the month of July. The first session consisted of four days, and the following three sessions lasted for five days each. Participants had the opportunity to select from the following options: Automotive, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Environmental Explorers, Cosmetology, Carpentry, and Floriculture. The daily schedule placed participants in their specialty areas in the morning, sports and/or games after lunch, and an hour of free swim in the Palmer High School pool.

The spring and fall Afternoon Enrichment Programs served 109 students. This program met for one day per week for two hours. Each student spent eight weeks in his or her chosen specialty area selected from the following: Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electronics, Fall Crafts, and Biodomes—the study of habitats, ecosystems, and other topics in a science-based curriculum.

Parent and student satisfaction with the Youth Enrichment Program has been extraordinary. Many students return to the program several times. It serves as an excellent introduction to Pathfinder and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board under the Workforce Investment Act and this year received a special additional incentive amount of $7,914 as a result of a favorable review by the granting agency. A total of 25 participants took advantage of this program of part-time employment, including job counseling, academic support, and intensive follow-up by grant-supported staff.

Pathfinder's summer school program is designed to enable students to make up information missed during the school year and earn credit needed for their promotion or graduation. The academic summer school program was offered during the month of July. It ran Monday through Friday with two morning sessions, each two hours long. A total of 40 hours in attendance is required for completing the program. In order for the program to remain self-sufficient and to be competitive with other area programs, the course fee of $150 has remained unchanged over the past 4 years. Thirteen academic courses were offered for students in grades 8-12.

Additionally, a vocational summer school program was offered during the last week of June. This program included two offerings: Related Theory and an Employability Skills workshop. The combined summer school enrollment included 138 students from 10 school districts.

FACULTY AND STAFF

The 2006-07 staff numbers remained essentially unchanged from the previous school year. However, retirements, resignations, and internal promotions accounted for significant staff movement. At an impressive but festive program in June, Pathfinder honored the following retirees: Jeffrey Upton (Vocational Coordinator), James Hazard (Co-op Director), Sue Donald (Special Education), John Meacham (Electronics), Vincent Desilets (Culinary Arts), and Warren Barrett (Physical Education). Information Technology

Instructor Leigh Estabrooks and HVAC Instructor Edward Surprenant resigned to relocate to other areas. At the initial faculty meeting in September, Superintendent Gerald Paist announced the appointment of Ken Heim and Stanley Kapinos as the new Cooperative Education Director and Vocational Coordinator, respectively.

Dr. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and on the Board of Directors of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce. An active member of the Assn. for Career & Technical Education, he was named to another term as a Region I Director for that organization's National Council of Local Administrators. He was also appointed to an initial 3-year term on ACTE's Nominating Committee.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

As a result of stable in-district enrollment and the effect of the Chapter 70 school finance formula, Pathfinder received $4,024,152 in Chapter 70 monies, $713,498 greater than the previous fiscal year. In fact, Pathfinder's Chapter 70 increase was the third highest among regional vocational school districts in the state. That welcome news enabled the school committee to adopt a budget that was favorable to a majority of the member towns. The FY07 budget that was ultimately approved by all of the seven member communities was $10,915,782. State aid and other reductions totaling $6,597,557 resulted in an assessment of $4,318,205 to be divided among the member towns according to the regional school budget law and the regional agreement.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS (2005-2006)

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBUTION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	ADDIT. CONTRIBUTION	SHARE OF REGULAR CAPITAL	2nd YR OFF 5 YR CAPITAL PLAN	TRANSPORTATION	CAPITAL ASSESSMENT	TOTAL
BELCHERTOWN	487,512	70,865	117,282	2,508	14,059	21,806	-	714,033
GRANBY	217,690	42,519	41,296	883	6,240	7,678	-	316,307
HARDWICK	89,169	14,173	37,993	813	2,558	7,064	-	151,769
MONSON	502,932	113,385	147,015	3,144	8,269	27,335	-	802,080
N. BRAINTREE	45,787	0	13,215	283	993	2,457	-	62,734
PALMER	760,510	127,558	290,727	6,218	11,062	54,055	-	1,250,129
WARE	611,252	184,250	180,052	3,851	8,269	33,477	-	1,021,152
TOTAL	2,714,852	552,750	827,580	17,700	51,450	153,873	-	4,318,205

CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that, in this era of accountability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies.

The Committee was particularly pleased by the successful effort to add the town of Warren to the District. Members are confident that the District will be stronger and the students in Warren better served as a result. The Committee wishes to commend Warren town officials and members of the Pathfinder administration who worked over two years to bring this project to conclusion. The Committee is also grateful to town officials in the several member towns for their support.

The conclusion of the 2006 year brought continued signs that, despite some indication of economic recovery, budgets for the current year and in the near future will be significantly impacted by the state of the economy, rising costs of health insurance, and energy. The Committee therefore looks forward to next year with the caution to which it has become accustomed. It is, however, committed to providing the best educational opportunities for workforce development within the District.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Cavanaugh, Palmer, Chairman
Judith C. Dudek, Belchertown
Michael O'Connor, Belchertown
Elizabeth Desrochers, Granby
Robert J. Dupuis, Hardwick
Barbara L. Beaulieu, Monson
George Castonguay, New Braintree
David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Raymond Starsiak, Warren
Gerald L. Paist, Superintendent-Director

QUABOAG VALLEY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION & QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CORPORATION

During 2006, the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corporation (CDC) and its affiliate agency, the Business Assistance Corporation (BAC) continued to provide loans and services to its 15 town region, including the Town of Belchertown. Greg Galanek represents Belchertown the Board of Directors of the BAC. Through the BAC, loans are made to businesses that cannot access equivalent financing from conventional sources. This year the BAC made no loan to businesses from Belchertown. The CDC provided, in addition, business technical assistance to 41 pre-venture, early stage or existing businesses. From Belchertown, eight such entrepreneurs were assisted through one-on-one counseling. A grant received from the Commonwealth in November 2006 ensured that expanded one-on-one business technical assistance would continue, at least through the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. Business planning training in the form of the NxLeveL nationally recognized curriculum was provided by the DCD during 2006. One session was held in the spring of 2006; a total of seven businesses took the course; one was from Belchertown.

Computer training continues to be a mainstay of CDC activity; courses are provided for businesses, for persons wanting to develop or improve their workforce skills and for the general public with an emphasis on serving low and moderate-income people. In 2006, the CDC taught eight computer students from Belchertown in a total of eight computer courses; among all towns there were 222 student courses taught at sites in Ware, Palmer and at various business locations throughout the region.

In 2006, the CDC launched efforts to provide Financial Literacy courses to individuals under workshops titled "Stretch Your Dollars." Financial Literacy emphasizes training and assistance on credit repair and personal asset development. 20 persons received this training in 2006 as part of two pilot programs; four of these were from Belchertown.

In May of 2006, the CDC purchased commercial real estate in Ware and moved its operations to the new property in September. Goals of the move were to be more central to the service region and to have a new source of revenue to offset the decreases in public funding experienced in recent years. The CDC was fortunate to obtain grant funding through the Town of Ware to make improvements to the property for the sake of future social service agency tenants. In addition, the CDC received exceptional support from four local banks, Country Bank, North Brookfield Savings Bank, Spencer Savings Bank and Ware Cooperative Bank in their capital campaign to outfit the property.

The CDC is pleased to serve Belchertown and encourages interested parties to contact us at 413-967-3001 or at mail@qvcdc.com of visit our website: www.qvcdc.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan S. Rutherford
Executive Director

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors who reside in Belchertown. The funds are raised by voluntary contributions from our citizens and there is a check off portion on the tax bills to accommodate these contributions.

We started the year of 2006 with $1,452.32 in the account. Contributions for the year totaled $1,355.99 and funds earned $55.82 in interest.

We awarded six scholarships for a total of $2,000. The account balance at the end of the year was $865.13. We are hopeful that the generosity of our town residents will increase this number so we are able to make further awards in the spring of 2007.

The winners of the 2006 scholarships were; Meagan Foley, Gregory Keefe, Christine Dzailo, Rachel Contois, Tabatha Przybyla and Vanessa Pare.

The Scholarship Committee is made up of Richard Pazasis, Sharon Barnett, Theresa Glanville, Rev. Emmanuel Haqq, Keith Poulin, Michael Connor and Simon James.

TAX TITLE COMMITTEE

The Tax Title Committee met several times during calendar year 2006. The five-member committee's purpose is to review and recommend a final destination of tax title properties acquired by the Town for non-payment of real estate tax.

At this time, the Committee is in possession of a list of 26 individual parcels, ranging in size from .19 acres to an extreme of 52 acres. One of the subject parcels has a living unit in place.

Of the 26 parcels being reviewed, the Committee will be recommending to the Board of Selectmen that 15 of the various parcels be offered for public sale in the near future. The remaining parcels or any future judgments granted the Town in this regard will be further reviewed for eventual municipal use for highway improvement recreational, hiking, aquifer protection, expansion of existing open space areas, or any combination thereof. If no beneficial determination be identified; these parcels will be recommended for disposition by the Town as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Tax Title Committee
Gary Brougham, Town Administrator
John Whelihan, Director of Assessments
Patrick Lund, Member-Conservation Comm.
Douglas Albertson, Town Planner

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In summary, the Committee has mainly concentrated on upcoming contract renewal negotiations with Charter Communications.

This is the most important task of the Committee and we have devoted most of our energies to this activity.

Membership

A number of changes occurred in the makeup of the Committee. Presently, members are:

Lew Louraine
James Burke
Christofer deHahn
Kristopher Pacunas
Joe Gohra
Paul Nelson
Frank Lomanno

A word of thanks to outgoing member, Ron Aponte, while welcoming Joe Gohra, who joined the Committee in January and Paul Nelson, who joined in December. The membership is now at full complement and stands at seven. Our members have a broad range of skills in the telecommunication, technology and networking areas, and bring a significant understanding of current issues in the telecommunications field.

Election of officers included:

Frank Lomanno – Chair
Lew Louraine – Vice Chair and Committee Lead for Contract Negotiations
Christofer deHahn – Secretary

The liaison member between the Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen also changed during the year, with the selection of Ron Aponte succeeding Jerry Grasso. We are pleased to have Ron as a liaison to the Committee, given his term with us and the familiarity with our issues.

Again, this year I want to give individual acknowledgment to Lew Louraine for heading up the sub-committee on the contract renewal process. His work has been very much appreciated by the Committee.

Meetings

Meetings are regularly scheduled for the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM and at the BCTV studios on State Street.

Email Address

Our Committee's Town email address (telecom@belchertown.org) serves as our main method of internal and external correspondence. Emails to this address are forwarded to all the members of the Committee, thus providing open and instant feedback to everyone.

Web Site

Thanks to Joe Gohra for his effort in putting together the Committee's web page. This has been long time coming and Joe did a superb job in the design and implementation of the web site. Along with up-to-date news, the site contains the membership, Mission Statement, the Annual Report and other related links and contacts. The page can be accessed through the Belchertown home page: http://belchertown.org/ or directly at http://belchertown.org/committees/telecom/index.htm

Charter Contract Renewal

The focus of this year's effort was the Charter Communication's cable television license with the Town of Belchertown. The present contract will expire on July 1, 2007. As the advisory group to the Selectmen, we have created a Sub-Committee to address the renewal process. Lew Louraine is in charge of this task and is completing the contract negotiations and the required documentation. This contract does not cover anything but television services. This means any other Charter services, such as internet and telephone service, will have to wait for new FCC regulations to govern their applicability.

The Committee has received many emails and letters from Charter subscribers on various issues and comments concerning Charter service. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to write to us. Everything that was received has been made part of the documentation, and has been included in the contract renewal process.

Public Meetings, April 2006, and a Call-in TV show, June 2006, were held in Lawrence Memorial Hall and both events were televised and taped by Belchertown Community Television.

The Telecommunication Advisory Committee has met with the Belchertown Board of Selectmen periodically throughout this ascertainment period to apprise them of our progress and timeline. At each meeting the Board of Selectmen was asked for its input.

Belchertown Community Television (BCTV) has retained Peter Epstein, from the Boston based law firm to advise us on the upcoming contract.

Other

We also would like to thank the Belchertown IT Department for assistance in setting up and maintaining our email and Web site for us.

Complaints to this Committee pertain to hookups, service calls and the addition of the Internet Service. Other comments were rate increases due to additional programs brought into the channel line-up. Again, we need to remind subscribers that neither this Committee nor the Town of Belchertown has any authority in terms of payment rates. The cable rates are regulated by the State, and channel selection is partly based on FCC regulations as well as the popularity of any particular program channel. Complaints should be directed to the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Department's Consumer Division:
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications & Energy Consumer Division, One South Station
Boston, MA 02110
Phone: (617) 305-3531 or 1-800-392-6066
Email: Consumer.Complaints@state.ma.us

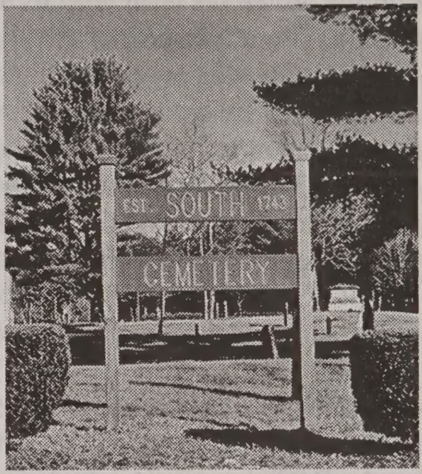
Respectfully Submitted,

Frank D. Lomanno, Chairman
Telecommunications Advisory Committee

VETERANS' GRAVES OFFICER

For the year 2006, all of Belchertown's veterans' graves were flagged just prior to Memorial Day. A special thank you is extended to American Legion Post 239 for its assistance.

Also, this past month saw the completion of a yearlong project wherein new signs were installed at all eight cemeteries. The signs were made by the Veterans' Graves Officer and then installed as part of an Eagle Scout Project by Aaron Astley.



Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Viglione, Veterans' Graves Officer
Kathleen M. Wood, Assistant Veterans' Graves Officer

VETERANS' SERVICE AGENT

The year 2006 brought continual service to our well deserving town veterans and their dependents. As the current conflict continues, the number of veterans filing VA claims was extremely high, and in the coming year of 2007 there is an expected "processing crunch". Please contact our Veterans' Service Office, located in Town Hall at 2 Jabish Street (telephone: 323-0409) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Messier
Veterans' Service Agent

WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

The War Memorial Committee is continuing to assess and evaluate the condition of our monuments and memorials throughout the Town. In the future, it is expected the Committee will be doing some restoration and improvements projects as funding becomes available.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward T. Knight, Chairman
War Memorial Committee

Cannon on the Town Common

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals received eight applications for the year 2006. Of the eight applications received, six were for special permits and two were for variances. Of the six special permit applications, five were granted and one was withdrawn by the applicant. Of the two variance applications, one was granted and one was withdrawn by the applicant.

Respectfully submitted by:

Raymond Goff, Chairman
Diane Loftus Mas, Vice Chairman
Richard Barry, Member
Gregory Galanek, Associate Member
Bernadette Harrigan, Associate Member
Natalie Blais, Associate Member

BELCHERTOWN · MASSACHUSETTS

Turley Publications photo by Debbi Strauss

On December 29, 2006, Major David Preston, who grew up in Belchertown and graduated from Belchertown High School, proudly presented Board of Selectmen Chairman James A. Barry with a United States flag that was flown on his camp in East Baghdad. Major Preston had recently completed his second combat tour of duty.

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held May 8, 2006 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium

FY06

Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:10PM
Registered voters present – 306 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant

Article 1 Voted to appropriate the sum of $50,000.00 from free cash in the treasury, and transfer from the Veterans' Services Salary Account the sum of $7,000.00, and from the General Insurance Account the sum $40,000.00, and from the Health Insurance Account the sum of $20,000.00 and from the Council on Aging Wage Account the sum of $15,500.00 for a total appropriation of $132,500.00 to the Snow and Ice Control Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to transfer from the Maintenance Wage Account the sum of $6,500.00 to the Highway Wage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

((Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to transfer the sum of $9,000.00 from the Injured on Duty Account, and transfer from the Maintenance Wage Account the sum of $7,000.00 for a total appropriation of $16,000.00 to the Police Wage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to transfer the sum of $11,000.00 from the Veterans' Services Salary Account to the Veterans' Benefit Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to transfer from the Interest on Debt Account the sum of $7,500.00, and from the Finnerty House Account the sum of $2,000.00, and from the Highway Uniforms Account the sum of $1,000.00, and from the Recreation Building Account the sum of $1,000.00 for a total appropriation of $11,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the Fire Station Account to the Town Garage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to transfer from the Workers Compensation Account the sum of $9,000.00, and from the Computing Wage Account the sum of $16,500.00, and from the Unemployment Account the sum of $5,000.00, for a total appropriation of $30,500.00 to the Law Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to transfer from the Printing Annual Reports Account the sum of $500.00, and from the Senior Center Building Account the sum of $2,500.00 for a total appropriation of $3,000.00 to the Freedom Center Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Voted to transfer from the Lawrence Memorial Hall Account the sum of $4,000.00 and from the EMS Building Account the sum of $1,000.00 for a total appropriation of $5,000.00 to the Street Lighting Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to transfer from the Fire Station Account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Highway Administration Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted to transfer from the General Insurance Account the sum of $386.19 to pay the following unpaid bill(s) of a prior year:

➢ E. Osterman, Inc.	$386.19

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 9/10 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Sewer Enterprise Fund the sum of $40,000.00 to the Sewer Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted to appropriate from free cash in the Landfill Enterprise Fund the sum of $20,000.00 to the Landfill Expense Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted to appropriate from the Stabilization Fund the total appropriation of $135,860.00 to the Schools' Appropriation Accounts as follows:

➢ #034030-52111 Electricity	$80,085.00
➢ #083300-53300 District Transportation	$33,000.00
➢ #015200-56950 Retirement	$ 4,500.00
➢ $652325-51106 BHS Substitutes	$18,275.00

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted to transfer from the Recreation Wage Account the sum of $650.00 to the Town Accountant Wage Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved 7:20PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2006

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
1	$132,500.00	$50,000.00 to the Snow and Ice Control Account		From the Veterans' Services Salary Account $7,000.00, from the General Insurance Account 40,000.00, from the Health insurance Account 20,000.00, from the Council on Aging Wage Account 15,500.00 to the Snow and Ice Control Account.
2	6,500.00			From the Maintenance Wage Account 6,500.00 to the Highway Wage Account
3	16,000.00			From the Injured on Duty Account 9,000.00, from the Maintenance Wage Account 7,000.00 to the Police Wage Account
4	11,000.00			From the Veterans' Services Salary Account 11,000.00 to the Veterans' Benefit Account
5	11,500.00			From the Interest on Debt Account 7,500.00, from the Finnerty House Account 2,000.00, from the Highway Uniforms Account 1,000.00, from the Recreation Building Account 1,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account
6	2,000.00			From the Fire Station Account 2,000.00 to the Town Gargae Account
7	30,500.00			From the Workers Compensation Account 9,000.00, from the Computing Wage Account 16,500.00, from the Unemployment Account 5,000.00 to the Law Account
8	3,000.00			From the Printing Annual Account 500.00, from the Senior Center Building Account 2,500.00 to the Freedom Center Account
9	5,000.00			From the Lawrence Memorial Hall Account 4,000.00, from the EMS Building Account 1,000.00 to Street Lighting Account
10	1,500.00			From the Fire Station Account 1,500.00 to the Highway Administration Account
11	386.19			From the General Insurance Account 386.19 to pay prior year bill – Osterman, Inc.
12	40,000.00			40,000 from free cash in Sewer Enterprise Fund to the Sewer Expense Account

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2006

ARTICLE #	TOTAL APPROPRIATION	FROM FREE CASH	FROM STABILIZATION	FROM OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS
13	20,000.00			From free cash in the Landfill Enterprise Fund 20,000.00 to the Landfill Expense Account
14	135,860.00		135, 860.00 to the Schools' Appropriation Accounts as follows: #034030-52111 Electricity 80,085.00, #083300-53300 District Transportation 33,000.00, #015200-56950 Retirement 4,500.00, #652325-51106 BHS Substitutes 18,275.00	
15	650.00			From the Recreation Wage Account 650.00 to the Town Accountant Wage Account
TOTAL	**$416,396.19**	**$50,000.00**	**$135,860.00**	**$230,536.19**

Attest:
William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Annual Town Meeting held May 8, 2006 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium
FY07
Moderator – Terry Scott Nagel
Meeting called to order at 7:35PM
Registered voters present – 306 (Quorum requires 75)
The Clerk read the Warrant
Belchertown Girl Scout Troop 446, *Leaders*: Cindy Fuller, Brenda Cox-Assistant, Kate Bradshaw-Assistant. *Girls*: Rebekah Aponte, Josette Before, Sarah Bradshaw, Geena DeTorrice, Anna Frasier, Meaghan Fuller, Melissa Gauthier, and Nicole Prosperi led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem was sung by Ms. Joii Grihalva.
Selectman Michael Reardon presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Mauri C. Korhonen.
Selectman Alfred Roccanti presented the Employee of the Year Award to Dianne J. Radebaugh.
Selectmen Gerald Grasso presented the Citizen of the Year Award to Linda E. Barron.
Edward Lofland, American Legion Post 239, presented Linda E. Barron with a Plaque.

Article 1 Voted to re-elect Linda E. Barron and Suzanne M. Bay as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M.D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; and Kenneth Snow as Trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to accept the reports of the officers of the Town with the exception of the Finance Committee.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 3 Voted to authorize the Assessors and the Board of Health members to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing fiscal year, at hourly rates not exceeding the following:

➢ Assessors	$9.29
➢ Board of Health Members	$6.36

(Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 4 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to be used by the Assessors for legal counsel in resolving court tax cases. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 5 Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $30,000.00 to the Reserve Fund for use by the Finance Committee. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 6 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Highway Improvement Program for use on approved town ways. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 7 Voted to appropriate from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of $2,000.00 to the Cemetery Lot Development Account. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 8 Voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for Massachusetts Small Cities Program or other Federal or State monies and to expend any monies received as set forth in the application following a public hearing. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 9 Vote to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended; to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year; and that the various major categories of the budget as contained in the Finance Committee's report be considered separately and acted upon; and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated, be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated and under the direction of the respective officers, boards and committees of the Town. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,420,796.00 and appropriate from the Wetlands Hearing Fees Account the sum of $7,000.00 to the Conservation Commission Salary Account, for a total appropriation of $1,427,796.00 for General Government, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,116,167.00 and appropriate the sum of $340,000.00 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, for a total appropriation of $2,456,167.00 for Public Safety, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $21,442,134.00 for the Town School Department with each item and amount recommended as shown in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $714,033.00 for the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,053,848.00 for the DPW-Highways, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to appropriate from Landfill receipts the sum of $231,700.00 and appropriate from Landfill Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $74,005.00 for a total appropriation of $305,705.00 to the Landfill Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $137,019.00, and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise free cash in the treasury the sum of $182,522.00 and appropriate from Sewer receipts the sum of $1,031,324.00 for a total appropriation of $1,350,865.00 to the Sewer Enterprise Fund, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $487,474.00 for the Human Services Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $608,868.00 for Culture and Recreation Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $599,733.00 for DPW Buildings and Grounds Departments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,618,272.00 for Pensions and Insurance Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $57,573.00 to the Unclassified Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,780,513.00 for the Interest and Debt Accounts, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $10,000.00 for Hampshire Council of Governments, each item and amount recommended in the Finance Committee's report being considered as a separate appropriation voted by Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 10 Voted to transfer the sum of $135,860.00 from the Town's School Department appropriation for FY07 to the Stabilization Fund as reimbursement for funds appropriated in Article 14 of the May 8, 2006 Special Town Meeting. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 11 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of a Senior Center Transportation Program, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Transportation Program and shall be under the control of the Director of the Senior Center; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 12 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of Council on Aging Programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from these programs and shall be under the control of the Council on Aging; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 13 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of procurement of firefighters' protective clothing and equipment purchase and maintenance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the open air burning permit fees, and shall be under the control of the Fire Chief; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 14 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing a concession at the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited with receipts from the Town Beach Concession, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $5,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 15 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of operating the Town Beach, which fund shall be credited with receipts for daily and seasonal entrance fees, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $16,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 16 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of operating the Teen Center, which fund shall be credited with receipts from program fees, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 17 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of pool programs, which fund shall be credited with receipts from such programs, and shall be under the control of the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed $75,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 18 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of witnessing and documenting percolation tests, which fund shall be credited with receipts from such tests, and shall be under the control of the Board of Health; such expenditures not to exceed $15,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 19 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, authorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of establishing a Police Department Technology Fund, which fund shall be credited from the receipts of Firearms License and FID card fees by the Police Department, and shall be under the control of the Police Chief or his designee; such expenditures not to exceed $10,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 20 Voted as authorized by the provisions of MGL, Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½, reauthorizing the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of transportation of pupils in grades 7 through 12 for school attendance, which fund shall be credited with receipts from said transportation, and shall be under the control of the School Committee; such expenditures not to exceed $150,000.00. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 21 Voted to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under G.L. c 59, s 5, Clause 41A from 8% to 6%, with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 22 Voted to amend the Personnel By-Law, as previously amended, in the following manner, effective July 1, 2006.
(Endorsed by Personnel Board)

Under Appendix A: Town Classification-Compensation Plan:

Remove 1) Management, Administrative or Professional Exempt in its entirety and **Replace** with the following:

CATEGORY & POSITION	PAY LEVEL OR RANGE
Director of Public Works	$57,553 - $69,063
Fire Chief	$57,553 - $69,063
Director of Computing	$54,759 - $69,063
Library Director	$51,799 - $63,309
Town Planner	$51,799 - $63,309
Police Lieutenant	$51,019 - $63,772
Conservation Administrator	$46,043 - $57,553
Town Treasurer-Collector	$46,043 - $57,553
Building Inspector	$46,043 - $57,553
Director of Assessments	$46,043 - $57,553
Town Accountant	$46,043 - $57,553
Senior Center Director	$40,288 - $51,799
Recreation Director	$40,288 - $51,799

In 2) Classified Non-Exempt Employees:

- **Add** Accounting Department Assistant – Grade 5

In 3) Part-time Employees, Annual Salary Schedule:

- **Change** Animal Inspector **from** $1,239 **to** $1,500
- **Change** Plumbing Inspector **from** $20 per inspection **to** $25 per inspection
- **Change** Gas Inspector **from** $20 per inspection **to** $25 per inspection
- **Change** Electrical Inspector **from** $20 per inspection **to** $25 per inspection
- **Change** Veterans' Agent **from** $13,012 **to** $22,000
- **Add** Assistant Building Inspector: $25 per inspection

In 4) Part-time Hourly Schedule:

- **Change** Gym Monitor **from** $5.25-$6.00/hour **to** $6.75-$10.00/hour
- **Change** Parks and Recreation Seasonal Employee **from** $5.25-$8.71/hour **to** $6.75-12.00/hour
- **Change** Swim Team Aide **from** $6.00-$7.00/hour **to** $7.00-$9.00/hour
- **Change** Water Safety Instructor Aide **from** $6.00-$7.75 **to** $7.00-$9.00/hour
- **Change** Lifeguards (Pool) **from** $6.75-$7.75/hour **to** $6.75-$10.00/hour
- **Change** Lifeguards (Beach) **from** $6.75-$7.75/hour **to** $6.75-$10.00/hour
- **Change** Head Lifeguard (Pool) **from** $7.75-$8.75/hour **to** $7.75-$12.00/hour
- **Change** Head Lifeguard (Beach) **from** $7.75-$8.75/hour **to** $7.75-$12.00/hour
- **Change** Swim Team Assistant Coach **from** $8.00-$9.00/hour **to** $7.75-$10.00/hour
- **Change** Swim Team Coach **from** $10.00-$14.00/hour **to** $10.00-$16.00/hour
- **Remove** Call EMT: $12.23-$17.39/hour
- **Add** Call EMT - Basic:
  Effective 07/01/06-12/31/06: $13.13-$18.69/hour;
  Effective 01/01/07-06/30/07: $13.26-$18.88/hour
- **Add** Call EMT – Intermediate:
  Effective 07/01/06-12/31/06: $14.44-$20.55/hour;
  Effective 01/01/07-06/30/07: $14.58-$20.76/hour
- **Add** Call EMT – Paramedic:
  Effective 07/01/06-12/31/06: $16.68-$23.74/hour;
  Effective 01/01/07-06/30/07: $16.85-$23.98/hour

Under Appendix B: Weekly Salary Schedule for Classified Employees:

Remove compensation chart and **replace** with the following charts:

Effective July 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$8.22	$8.55	$8.88	$9.24	$9.62	$10.02	$10.39	$10.80	$11.26	$11.70
2	$9.85	$10.26	$10.67	$11.10	$11.53	$12.01	$12.48	$12.96	$13.52	$14.04
3	$10.84	$11.29	$11.73	$12.20	$12.68	$13.22	$13.73	$14.29	$14.85	$15.44
4	$11.91	$12.42	$12.90	$13.41	$13.96	$14.51	$15.11	$15.71	$16.33	$16.99
5	$13.13	$13.65	$14.18	$14.78	$15.36	$15.96	$16.62	$17.26	$17.96	$18.69
6	$14.44	$15.01	$15.62	$16.23	$16.88	$17.57	$18.27	$19.00	$19.77	$20.55
7	$15.89	$16.52	$17.18	$17.87	$18.58	$19.32	$20.08	$20.90	$21.74	$22.59
8	$16.68	$17.33	$18.03	$18.76	$19.51	$20.29	$21.10	$21.94	$22.82	$23.74
9	$17.51	$18.21	$18.93	$19.71	$20.48	$21.31	$22.15	$23.05	$23.97	$24.94
10	$18.38	$19.13	$19.89	$20.70	$21.50	$22.37	$23.26	$24.20	$25.15	$26.17

Effective January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007:

Grade	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10
1	$8.30	$8.64	$8.97	$9.33	$9.72	$10.12	$10.49	$10.91	$11.37	$11.82
2	$9.95	$10.36	$10.78	$11.21	$11.65	$12.13	$12.60	$13.09	$13.66	$14.18
3	$10.95	$11.40	$11.85	$12.32	$12.81	$13.35	$13.87	$14.43	$15.00	$15.59
4	$12.03	$12.54	$13.03	$13.54	$14.10	$14.66	$15.26	$15.87	$16.49	$17.16
5	$13.26	$13.79	$14.32	$14.93	$15.51	$16.12	$16.79	$17.43	$18.14	$18.88
6	$14.58	$15.16	$15.78	$16.39	$17.05	$17.75	$18.45	$19.19	$19.97	$20.76
7	$16.05	$16.69	$17.35	$18.05	$18.77	$19.51	$20.28	$21.11	$21.96	$22.82
8	$16.85	$17.50	$18.21	$18.95	$19.71	$20.49	$21.31	$22.16	$23.05	$23.98
9	$17.69	$18.39	$19.12	$19.91	$20.68	$21.52	$22.37	$23.28	$24.21	$25.19
10	$18.56	$19.32	$20.09	$20.91	$21.72	$22.59	$23.49	$24.44	$25.40	$26.43

(Vote Unanimous Yes)

Article 23 Voted no to the motion to appropriate the sum of $1,250,000 to pay for the costs of extending public sanitary sewer service to the Ledgewood Estates Subdivision, so called, of Town, being more formally known as Phase V of the Town's Sewer System Facilities Plan prepared in 1997, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and further, that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to assess 100 percent of the project cost upon those who benefit from the project, such assessments to be made by the uniform unit method, as specified in MGL Chapter 83, Section 15.

(A motion was made and vote taken to end debate which was unanimous Yes.)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Majority No – Article Failed)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3C, 5/12/1997)

Article 24 Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,950,000.00 to pay for the costs of replacing the BSS/Jackson Street sewer, so called, of Town, being more formally known as the BSS/Jackson Street Sewer Interceptor as shown on a plan entitled Proposed Conceptual Sewer Layout, Former Belchertown State School Sewer Evaluation Study, Belchertown, Massachusetts, prepared in October 2003, and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said sum under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. (Endorsed by Finance Committee 5-0-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Article Passed – 2/3 Vote Yes)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3C, 5/12/1997)

Article 25 Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land identified on the Town Assessors' map as Map 205, Lots 39, 40 and 60 from B2 to B1; and by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land identified on the Town Assessors' map as Map 205, Lots 41, 59, 58, 57 and 56 from B2 to Ag-A. (Endorsed by Planning Board 3-1-0 Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 26 Voted not to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land identified on the Town Assessors' map as Map 251, Lot 6, as further described in Article 26 of this Annual Meeting Warrant from its current zone of Ag-A to B2 entirely. (Not Endorsed by Planning Board 1-4-0 No)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Majority No – Article Failed)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3C, 5/12/1997)

Article 27 Voted not to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, by changing the zoning designation of a parcel of land identified on the Town Assessors' map as Map 238, Lot 17, as further described in Article 27 of this Annual Meeting Warrant from its current zone of Ag-B to B2 entirely. (Not Endorsed by Planning Board 0-5-0 No)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Majority No – Article Failed)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3C, 5/12/1997)

Article 28 Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow the sum of $210,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing, including the related expense thereof, property located at 10 Everett Avenue, Belchertown, and further identified as Map 244, Parcel 115, and in a deed recorded in the Hampshire Registry of Deeds in Book 2235, Page 20, now or formerly owned by New Birth Christian Church, Inc. and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate said purchase and to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain and to accept a deed to the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown of a fee simple interest or less in said parcel, upon such terms and conditions as the Board determines for municipal purposes and to authorize the Board to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition. (Finance Committee vote; 1-yes, 3-no, 1-abstained)
(A motion was made and vote taken to end debate which was unanimous Yes)

(Vote – 2/3 Required – Article Passed – 2/3 voted Yes)
(Vote Per Belchertown By-Law Chapter 72, §72-3C, 5/12/1997)

Article 29 Voted to discontinue Moore Road from Cold Spring Street traveling approximately 2,112' +/- to its end. (Endorsed by Planning Board 4-0-1 Yes)

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 30 Voted to amend the Code of Belchertown, as previous amended, by adding the following to Chapter 129 – Vehicles and Traffic, Article I, General Provisions:

Section 129-3

C) No person shall park a motor vehicle on Gold Street from the intersection of Knight Street for a distance Southerly of 1,800 feet.
D) No person shall park a motor vehicle on Gold Street from the intersection of Knight Street for a distance Westerly of 1,200 feet.
E) No person shall park a motor vehicle on Knight Street from the intersection of Gold Street for a distance Easterly of 200 feet

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 31 Voted to continue membership in the Hampshire Council of Governments for Fiscal Year 2007 through Fiscal Year 2010 with a 75% reduction in annual dues.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 32 Voted to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick Monson, new Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, as previously amended, with respect to the Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School Districts, in the following manner:

Amendment No. 13 to the "Agreement among the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, with respect to the establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District," (the "Agreement") is hereby amended as follows:

I. Preamble:

(a) The first paragraph of the Preamble to the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Agreement among the towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts, with respect to the establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District."

(b) The second paragraph of the Preamble of the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, among the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer, Ware and Warren, Massachusetts. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:"

II. Additional Committee Member from Warren

Section I of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end a new section (K) as follows:

(K) Admission of Warren.

(a) Within ten days following the approval of an amendment to the Agreement providing for the admission of the Town of Warren into the District, the moderator for the Town of Warren shall appoint one member to serve on the Committee, whose term shall expire at the next biennial District election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of 4 years.

III. Apportionment of Operating Costs to the Town of Warren.

Section IV of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection IV(H) the following new paragraph:

"The terms of this Section shall apply to the Town of Warren except that the Town of Warren shall not be assessed an annual surcharge for the partial reimbursement of the original member towns for their payment of capital costs on account of the original regional District school building."

IV. Effective Date.

This Amendment No. 13 to the Agreement shall take effect upon its acceptance by each of the member towns, in accordance with the terms of Section VII of the Agreement.

(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Article 33 **CITIZEN PETITION** – To establish a Town Government Study Committee: Voted to establish a Town Government Study Committee, appointed by the Selectmen, to evaluate the current "Open Town Meeting" form of government, and to make such recommendations that it feels are necessary that they might be considered at a future annual town meeting or election.

(Vote – 2/3 Required – 109 Yes/43 No – Article Passed)

Article 34 **CITIZEN PETITION** – Recreation Commission to be elected:
Voted to Take no Action to change the Recreation Commission to be elected at large instead of the current way of being appointed at large by the Board of Selectmen. (Not Endorsed by Recreation Commission 0-5-1 No)

A Motion was made to Take No Action on Article 34.
(Vote – Unanimous Yes)

Meeting dissolved 10:50PM.

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF APPROPRIATIONS
TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MAY 8, 2006
FY07

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
1-3	NONE				
4	Assessors-Legal Counsel-Resolving Court Tax cases	**100.00**	100.00		
5	Reserve Fund for Finance Committee use	**30,000.00**	30,000.00		
6	None				
7	Cemetery Lot Development Account	**2,000.00**			2,000.00 (from Sale of Cemetery Lots Acct. to Cemetery Lot Development Acct)
8	None				
	Itemized Budget				
9	**GENERAL GOVERNMENT** (Total)	**1,427,796.00**			
	1. Moderator, Salary		25.00		
	Expenses				
	2. Board of Selectmen, Salary		12,600.00		
	Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		5,966.00		
	3. Town Administrator, Salary		81,403.00		
	Wages		79,350.00		
	Expenses		8,020.00		
	4. Town Accountant, Salary		54,805.00		
	Wages		80,650.00		
	Expenses		23,225.00		
	5. Town Clerk, Salary		37,325.00		
	Wages		43,270.00		
	Expenses		10,056.00		
	6. Treasurer/Tax Collector, Salary		54,805.00		
	Wages		128,900.00		
	Expenses		60,670.00		
	7. M.I.S. Department, Salary		59,170.00		
	Wages		79,910.00		
	Expenses		94,826.00		
	8. Board of Assessors, Assessors (Elected)		3,200.00		
	Assessor (Salary)		53,118.00		
	Wages		168,750.00		
	Expenses		22,250.00		
	Field Review Update				
	9. Law Account, Fees		81,300.00		
	10. Finance Committee, Wages				

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	Expenses		250.00		
	11. Election & Registration, Salary		450.00		
	Wages		14,000.00		
	Expenses		11,620.00		
9 (cont'd)	12. Planning Board, Salary		56,897.00		
	Wages		23,650.00		
	Expenses		6,060.00		
	13. Board of Appeals, Wages		2,000.00		
	Expenses		695.00		
	14. Economic Development I.C., Expenses		300.00		
	15. Chapter 137 Military Leave Pay		100.00		
	16. Cable Access TV Oper., Expenses		1,500.00		
	17. Conservation Commission, Salary		44,085.00		7,000.00 (Wetland Hearing Fees)
	Wages		11,870.00		
	Expenses		3,375.00		
	PUBLIC SAFETY (TOTAL)	**2,456,167.00**			
	18. Police Department, Salary		129,168.00		
	Wages		1,171,358.00		
	Expenses		244,259.00		
	19. Emergency Medical Services, Wages				315,400.00(Ambulance Rcts reserved for Appropriation Acct)
	Expenses		87,772.00		24,600.00 (Ambulance Rcts reserved for Appropriation Acct)
	20. Fire Department, Salary		63,852.00		
	Full Time Wages		76,750.00		
	Wages		70,000.00		
	Expenses		83,742.00		
	21. Injured on Duty, Expenses		10,000.00		
	22. Hydrant Service, Expenses		22,815.00		
	23. Dog Officer, Salary (Dog Officer)		4,800.00		
	Salary, (Asst. Dog Officer)		1,800.00		
	Wages		15,330.00		
	Expenses		10,070.00		
	24. Inspection Services, Salary		52,231.00		
	Wages		57,150.00		
	Expenses		13,550.00		
	25. Civil Defense, Wages		350.00		
	Expenses		1,170.00		
	PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Total)	**21,442,134.00**			
	26. Town School Department				
	Foundation Spending		19,985,734.00		
	Transport. & Fixed Assets		1,456,400.00		
	REGIONAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
	27. Pathfinder Reg. Voc. Tech High School District	**714,033.00**			

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	Net Budget		714,033.00		
	DPW – Highways	**1,053,848.00**			
	28. DPW-Highways/Personnel, Salary		63,852.00		
	Wages		499,200.00		
	Uniforms		11,850.00		
	Expenses		750.00		
	29. DPW-Highway Admin., Expenses		6,700.00		
	30. DPW-Snow & Ice Control, Expenses		129,000.00		
9 (cont'd)	**DPW – Highways** (cont'd)				
	31. DPW-Road Machinery, Expenses		112,900.00		
	32. DPW-Hired Services, Expenses		79,000.00		
	33. DPW-Street Lighting, Expenses		37,395.00		
	34. DPW-Construction Materials, Expenses		69,726.00		
	35. DPW-Professional Engineering, Expenses		15,000.00		
	36. DPW-Town Garage, Expenses		28,475.00		
	SANITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL	**305,705.00**			
	37. Transfer Station (Total)				
	Wages				72,930.00 (Landfill Receipts)
	Expenses				158,770.00 (Landfill Receipts) 74,005.00 (Landfill Enterprise free cash)
	Hazardous Waste Day				
	38. Sewer Enterprise Fund (Total)	**1,350,865.00**			
	Wages		137,019.00		50,731.00 (Sewer Enterprise free cash)
	Expenses				131,791.00 (Sewer Enterprise free cash); 270,331.00 (Sewer Receipts))
	Maturing Debt				587,523.00 (Sewer Receipts)
	Maturing Debt Interest				173,470.00 (Sewer Receipt)
	HUMAN SERVICES (Total)	**487,474.00**			
	39. Board of Health, Salary		2,825.00		
	Wages		3,432.00		
	Expenses		14,383.00		
	40. Council on Aging, Salary		50,162.00		
	Wages		246,420.00		
	Expenses		28,180.00		
	41. Veterans Services, Agent Salary		22,000.00		
	Agent Expenses		2,260.00		
	Veterans Benefits		88,907.00		
	42. Veterans Graves, Expenses		1,020.00		
	43. DPW – Cemetery Department				
	Expenses		27,785.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	44. Mobile Home/Rent Control Board, Expenses		100.00		
	CULTURE AND RECREATION (Total)	**608,868.00**			
	45. Clapp Memorial Library, Salary		58,041.00		
	Wages		200,930.00		
	Expenses		85,625.00		
	46. Parks and Recreation, Salary		47,412.00		
	Wages		123,585.00		
	Expenses		10,167.00		
	47. Parks & Recreation Pool, Expenses		45,608.00		
	48. Parks & Recreation Beach, Expenses		3,100.00		
	49. Teen Center, Wages		29,050.00		
	Expenses		2,350.00		
	50. Family Center, Expenses		3,000.00		
	DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS (Total)	**599,733.00**			
	51. DPW-Maintenance/Grounds, Wages		286,370.00		
	Expenses		46,625.00		
9 (cont'd)	**DPW – BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** (cont'd)				
	52. DPW-Lawrence Memorial Hall, Expenses		58,120.00		
	53. DPW-Town Common, Expenses		2,200.00		
	54. DPW-Town Clock, Wages		600.00		
	55. DPW-Finnerty House, Expenses		7,107.00		
	56. DPW-Old Town Hall, Expenses		9,210.00		
	57. DPW-Senior Center Bldg., Expenses		44,910.00		
	58. DPW-Teen Center Bldg., Expenses		28,160.00		
	59. DPW-Police Station, Expenses		46,116.00		
	60. DPW-EMS Bldg., Expenses		11,758.00		
	61. DPW-Freedom Center, Expenses		21,862.00		
	62. DPW-Berkshire Bldg., Expenses				
	63. DPW-Fire Station, Expenses		35,695.00		
	64. DPW-Franklin School Bldg., Expenses		1,000.00		
	PENSIONS AND INSURANCE (Total)	**2,618,272.00**			
	65. General insurance, Expense		429,353.00		
	66. Unemployment Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	67. Workers Compensation Insurance, Expenses		10,000.00		
	68. Health insurance, Expenses		730,000.00		
	69. Group Life Insurance, Expenses		4,400.00		
	70. FICA-Medicare-Town Share, Expenses		70,000.00		
	71. Pensions, Expenses		1,364,519.00		
	UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS (Total)	**57,573.00**			
	72. Historical Commission, Expenses		500.00		
	73. Historical District, Expenses		348.00		
	74. Patriotic Exercises, Expenses		300.00		
	75. Printing Annual Reports, Expenses		4,000.00		
	76. Unclassified Account, Expenses		52,425.00		

ARTICLE #	BUDGET OR DEPT	TOTAL APPROPRIATON	FROM TAX LEVY	FROM BORROWING	FROM OTHER AVAIL FUNDS
	77. Civil War Monument, Expenses				
	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT (Total)	**3,780,513.00**			
	78. Interest, Expenses		1,511,637.00		
	79. Maturing Debt, Expenses		2,268,876.00		
	COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (Total)				
	80.Council of Government, Assessment	**10,000.00**	10,000.00		
10	Transfer $135,860 from FY07 Town School Dept to the Stabilization Fund				
11-23	None				
24	Replace the BSS/Jackson Street Sewer	**1,950,000.00**		1,950,000.00	
25-27	None				
28	Purchase property at 10 Everett Ave.	**210,000.00**		210,000.00	
29-34	None				
	GRAND TOTAL	**39,105,081.000**	**35,076,530.00**	**2,160,000.00**	**1,868,551.00**

Attest:

William R. Barnett
Town Clerk

Action taken at the Special Town Meeting held October 4, 2006 at the Belchertown High School Veterans Memorial Auditorium

FY07

Article 1 Voted to amend the Zoning Map, as previously amended, by changing the zoning of land along State Street from its current zones of Ag-A, Primary Agricultural, and B2, General Business, to B1, Limited Business; such land identified as follows: Assessors' parcels Map 251, Lot 5; Map 251, Lot 6; and Map 251, Lot 7 to change from Ag-A to B1 entirely, and Map 251, Lot 8, and Map 251, Lot 9.11 to change from B2 to B1 entirely.

(Endorsed by the Planning Board by a vote of 4-0 on July 11, 2006. The motion was made and thereafter explained by Planning Board member Daniel Beaudette.)

(Vote – 2/3 required – Unanimous Yes)

Article 2 Voted to designate as an invested revenue development district to be eligible for District Improvement Financing (DIF) pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 40Q the land known as Proposed Belchertown Town Center & Resort Invested Revenue District and shown on four plans prepared by Kathleen McCabe, McCabe Enterprises, entitled Proposed District Improvement Financing Invested Revenue District – September 15, 2006, Maps 1 through 4, and a document entitled Proposed Belchertown Town Center & Resort Invested Revenue District List of Parcels, all on file in the office of the Town Clerk, said district to be known as the Belchertown Town Center & Resort Invested Revenue District, for a period not to exceed 30 years and further to identify a representative from the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Assessors, the Finance Committee, the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and the Town Administrator, the Town Planner, the Treasurer-Collector as the entities and/or individuals who may act on behalf of the Town in implementing a program for such invested revenue district development within said district.

The motion was made and thereafter explained by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Barry. An attempt to amend the motion making a change in the boundaries of the district, was made by William Russell, but was declared out of order because of the requirement that a public hearing must be posted and convened before the boundaries could be changed. James Barry, William Terry, Gary Brougham and Michael Reardon answered questions from the floor. Ms. Kathleen McCabe, speaking on behalf of Bridgeland Development LLC, described the proposed district by use of a series of projected maps.

(Vote – Majority Yes)

The meeting was dissolved at 8:14PM.

Attest:
William R. Barnett, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 15, 2006
BELCHERTOWN, MA

OFFICE	*Denotes Elected NAME	PRECINCT	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Town Clerk	* William R. Barnett		258	290	403	227	1178
3 year	Sundry Writeins		2	1	0	0	3
Vote for one		Blanks	55	31	88	77	251
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432
Board of Selectmen	* Gerald A. Grasso		170	184	313	109	776
3 years	* Ronald E. Aponte		194	188	366	122	870
Vote for two	Donald L. Minney		140	147	157	199	643
	Martina D. Robinson		86	86	84	143	399
	Sundry Writeins		1	0	1	1	3
		Blank	39	39	61	34	173
		Total	630	644	982	608	2864
School Committee	* Sharon D. Barnett		222	251	359	199	1031
3 years	* Barbara Schaffer Bacon		222	253	350	205	1030
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		1	2	2	4	9
		Blanks	185	138	271	200	794
		Total	630	644	982	608	2864
School Committee	* Beverly S. Phaneuf		237	275	387	211	1110
1 year	Sundry Writeins		0	1	2	3	6
Vote for one		Blanks	78	46	102	90	316
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432
Planning Board	Richard G. Barry		99	119	223	81	522
5 years	* Daniel R. Beaudette		175	180	205	198	758
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		0	0	0	0	0
		Blank	41	23	63	25	152
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432
Planning Board	* Louis A. Faassen		185	183	229	220	817
2 years	Matthew S. Jackson		105	111	210	59	485
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		1	0	0	3	4
		Blank	24	28	52	22	126
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432
Board of Assessors							
3 years	* William J. Huber		27	12	58	6	103
Vote for one	Sundry Writeins		11	11	8	11	41
		Blank	277	299	425	287	1288
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
MAY 15, 2006
BELCHERTOWN, MA

	*Denotes Elected						
OFFICE	**NAME**	**PRECINCT**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Housing Authority	* James J. Gambaro		205	254	353	198	1010
5 years	Sundry Writeins		1	2	2	0	5
Vote for one		Blank	109	66	136	106	417
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432
Board of Health	* Roger M. Bonsall		209	254	358	200	1021
3 years	Sundry Writeins		0	2	1	0	3
Vote for One		Blank	106	66	132	104	408
		Total	315	322	491	304	1432
Councilor-Hampshire							
Council of Governments	* Kenneth E. Elstein		203	236	324	199	962
2 years	* Donald L. Minney		204	229	312	220	965
Vote for two	Sundry Writeins		0	2	2	0	4
		Blank	223	177	344	189	933
		Total	630	644	982	608	2864
Belchertown Registered Voters		**PRECINCT**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	628	659	717	670	2674
		Republican	300	361	398	226	1285
		Unenrolled	1114	1241	1314	1130	4799
		Other	19	21	21	40	101
		Total	2061	2282	2450	2066	8859
	Vote Cast on 5/15/06		315	322	491	304	1432
	(16.2% Voted)						
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 19, 2006
Belchertown, Massachusetts

DEMOCRAT		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Edward M. Kennedy	274	231	299	269	1073
(Vote for One)	Blanks	29	33	60	43	165
	Sundry Write-ins	1	2	2	3	8
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Governor	Christopher F. Gabrieli	32	52	65	28	177
(Vote for One)	Deval L. Patrick	218	159	191	237	805
	Thomas F. Reilly	53	55	101	47	256
	Blanks	1	0	4	3	8
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Lt. Governor	Deborah B. Goldberg	85	70	94	98	347
(Vote for One)	Timothy P. Murray	115	114	135	90	454
	Andrea C. Silbert	64	57	85	65	271
	Blanks	40	25	47	62	174
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Atty General	Martha Coakley	210	200	248	212	870
(Vote for One)	Blanks	93	65	111	103	372
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	2	0	4
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin	201	188	246	147	782
(Vote for One)	John Bonifaz	58	47	51	102	258
	Blanks	45	31	64	66	206
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Treasurer	Timothy P. Cahill	220	200	260	209	889
(Vote for One)	Blanks	83	66	101	106	356
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Auditor	A. Joseph DeNucci	202	192	235	191	820
(Vote for One)	Blanks	101	73	126	124	424
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	0	2
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246
Rep in Congress	John W. Olver	262	229	285	269	1045
First District	Blanks	39	36	76	44	195
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	3	1	0	2	6
	Total	304	266	361	315	1246

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 19, 2006
Belchertown, Massachusetts

DEMOCRAT			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Councillor	Peter Vickery		178	161	195	211	745
Eighth District	Rinaldo Del Gallo		13	10	27	4	54
(Vote for One)	Thomas T. Merrigan		71	61	72	52	256
	Blanks		41	33	65	48	187
	Sundry Write-ins		1	1	2	0	4
	Total		304	266	361	315	1246
Senator in Gen Court	Stanley C. Rosenberg	*Prec. A & D*	245			263	508
Hampshire & Franklin Districts	Blanks		57			49	106
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2			3	5
	Total		304			315	619
Senator in Gen Court	Brian Michael Ashe	*Prec. B & C*		88	129		217
First Hampden & Hampshire	Gale D. Candaras			127	154		281
District	Rosemarie Mazza-Moriarty			32	41		73
(Vote for One)	Blanks			19	37		56
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			266	361		627
Rep in General Ct	Stephen Kulik	*Prec. A & D*	233			232	465
First Franklin District	Blanks		70			82	152
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1			1	2
	Total		304			315	619
Rep in General Ct	Thomas M. Petrolati	*Prec. B & C*		210	268		478
Seventh Hampden District	Blanks			54	93		147
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins			2	0		2
	Total			266	361		627
District Atty							
Northwestern District	Blanks		298	265	357	312	1232
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		6	1	4	3	14
	Total		304	266	361	315	1246
Clerk of Courts	Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr.		194	189	227	193	803
Hampshire County	Blanks		105	73	130	119	427
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		5	4	4	3	16
	Total		304	266	361	315	1246
Register of Deeds	Marianne L. Donohue		204	198	239	196	837
Hampshire Distict	Blanks		99	68	120	119	406
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	2	0	3
	Total		304	266	361	315	1246

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 19, 2006
Belchertown, Massachusetts

REPUBLICAN		**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Senator in Congress	Kenneth G. Chase	7	8	11	9	35
(Vote for One)	Kevin P. Scott	14	17	15	12	58
	Blanks	5	6	6	1	18
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	1	1
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Governor	Kerry Healey	19	29	25	18	91
(Vote for One)	Blanks	7	2	6	4	19
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	1	1	2
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Lt. Governor	Reed V. Hillman	22	27	26	19	94
(Vote for One)	Blanks	4	4	6	4	18
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Atty General	Larry Frisoli	13	26	23	17	79
(Vote for One)	Blanks	13	5	9	6	33
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Secretary of State						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	24	30	32	23	109
	Sundry Write-ins	2	1	0	0	3
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Treasurer						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	25	30	32	23	110
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	0	2
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Auditor						
(Vote for One)	Blanks	25	30	32	23	110
	Sundry Write-ins	1	1	0	0	2
	Total	26	31	32	23	112
Rep in Congress						
First District	Blanks	24	31	30	21	106
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins	2	0	2	2	6
	Total	26	31	32	23	112

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REPUBLICAN			**PRECINCTS**				
OFFICE	**CANDIDATE NAME**		**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
Councillor	Michael Franco		9	19	20	16	64
Eighth District	Blanks		17	12	12	7	48
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		26	31	32	23	112
Senator in Gen Court	Michaela L. LeBlanc	*Prec. A & D*	10			16	26
Hampshire & Franklin							0
Districts	Blanks		16			7	23
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
	Total		26			23	49
Senator in Gen Court	Kevin Q. Corridan	*Prec. B & C*		6	7		13
First Hampden & Hamshire	Ronald J. Cutler			14	17		31
District	Enrico John Villamaino,III			4	1		5
(Vote for One)	Blanks			7	7		14
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			31	32		63
Rep in General Ct		*Prec. A & D*					
First Franklin District	Blanks		24			23	47
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2			0	2
	Total		26			23	49
Rep in General Ct		*Prec. B & C*					
Seventh Hampden District	Blanks			30	32		62
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins			1	0		1
	Total			31	32		63
District Atty	Elizabeth D. Scheibel		14	25	24	20	83
Northwestern District	Blanks		12	6	8	3	29
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		0	0	0	0	0
	Total		26	31	32	23	112
Clerk of Courts							
Hampshire County	Blanks		24	30	27	20	101
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2	1	5	3	11
	Total		26	31	32	23	112
Register of Deeds							
Hampshir District	Blanks		24	31	31	23	109
Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	1	0	3
	Total		26	31	32	23	112

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	Registered Voters	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
		Democrat	647	671	731	681	2730
		Republican	309	367	403	238	1317
		Unenrolled	1129	1257	1324	1151	4861
		Others	20	20	21	40	101
		TOTALS	2105	2315	2479	2110	9009
	Voted on 9/19/2006	**PRECINCTS**	**A**	**B**	**C**	**D**	**TOTAL**
	(15.1% voted)	Democrat	304	266	361	315	1246
		Republican	26	31	32	23	112
		TOTALS	330	297	393	338	1358
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
Town Clerk							

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		PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Edward M. Kennedy	812	818	889	879	3398
(Vote for One)	Kenneth G. Chase	344	427	527	302	1600
	Blanks	27	16	32	24	99
	Sundry Write-ins	1	2	0	1	4
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Governor/Lt. Governor	Healey and Hillman	352	458	539	297	1646
(Vote for One)	Patrick and Murray	727	698	772	796	2993
	Mihos and Sullivan	79	81	113	70	343
	Ross and Robinson	20	21	17	36	94
	Blanks	6	3	7	6	22
	Sundry Write-ins	0	2	0	1	3
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Atty General	Martha Coakley	805	825	926	871	3427
(Vote for One)	Larry Frisoli	306	389	440	270	1405
	Blanks	72	49	81	65	267
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	1	0	2
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Secretary of State	William Francis Galvin	826	939	1053	806	3624
(Vote for One)	Jill E. Stein	226	215	222	299	962
	Blanks	131	107	170	101	509
	Sundry Write-ins	1	2	3	0	6
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Treasurer	Timothy P. Cahill	843	970	1064	834	3711
(Vote for One)	James O'Keefe	194	176	213	236	819
	Blanks	147	116	169	135	567
	Sundry Write-ins	0	1	2	1	4
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Auditor	A. Joseph DeNucci	795	853	978	799	3425
(Vote for One)	Rand Wilson	218	252	258	241	969
	Blanks	171	158	210	166	705
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	2	0	2
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Rep in Congress	John W. Olver	845	907	1009	901	3662
First District	William H. Szych	260	296	347	245	1148
(Vote for One)	Blanks	79	60	92	58	289
	Sundry Write-ins	0	0	0	2	2
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Councillor	Michael Franco	262	299	346	200	1107
Eighth District	Thomas T. Merrigan	598	582	614	653	2447
(Vote for One)	Michael T. Kogut	204	283	362	213	1062
	Blanks	119	99	125	140	483
	Sundry Write-ins	1	0	1	0	2
	Total	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101

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			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Senator in Gen Court	Stanley C. Rosenberg	Prec A & D	809			889	1698
Hampshire & Franklin District	Michaela L. LeBlanc		278			239	517
(Vote for one)	Blanks		97			78	175
	Sundry Write-ins		0			0	0
			1184			1206	2390
Senator in Gen Court		Prec B & C					
1st Hampden & Hamshire	Gale D. Candaras			803	833		1636
District	Enrico John Villamaino, III			391	502		893
(Vote for One)	Blanks			69	113		182
	Sundry Write-ins			0	0		0
	Total			1263	1448		2711
Rep in General Ct		Prec A & D					
1st Franklin District	Stephen Kulik		906			953	1859
(Vote for One)	Blanks		276			252	528
	Sundry Write-ins		2			1	3
			1184			1206	2390
Rep in General Ct		Prec B & C		B	C		
Seventh Hampden District	Thomas M. Petrolati			1038	1145		2183
(Vote for One)	Blanks			218	298		516
	Sundry Write-ins			7	5		12
	Total			1263	1448		2711
District Attorney							
Northwestern District	Elizabeth D. Scheibel		757	915	1008	721	3401
(Vote for One)	Blanks		419	343	433	471	1666
	Sundry Write-ins		8	5	7	14	34
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Clerk of Courts							
Hampshire County	Harry J. Jekanowski, Jr.		868	970	1047	909	3794
(Vote for One)	Brian Lees		11	15	29	8	63
	Blanks		304	274	369	288	1235
	Sundry Write-ins		1	4	3	1	9
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Register of Deeds							
Hampshire County	Marianne L. Donohue		871	980	1066	901	3818
(Vote for One)	Blanks		311	280	379	302	1272
	Sundry Write-ins		2	3	3	3	11
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101

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			PRECINCTS				
OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
Pathfinder Regional Vocational							
Technical School Committee	Michael A. O'Connor		866	1009	1081	832	3788
Belchertown (4 years)	Blanks		317	254	366	370	1307
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		1	0	1	4	6
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Pathfinder Regional Vocational							
Technical School Committee	Robert J. Dupuis		792	934	998	773	3497
Hardwick (4 years)	Blanks		390	329	447	432	1598
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	3	1	6
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Pathfinder Regional Vocational							
Technical School Committee	Michael J. Cavanaugh		789	947	1001	778	3515
Palmer (4 years)	Blanks		393	316	447	427	1583
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		2	0	0	1	3
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Pathfinder Regional Vocational							
Technical School Committee	Marie B. Ray		776	915	986	770	3447
Ware (4 years)	Blanks		404	348	461	435	1648
(Vote for One)	Sundry Write-ins		4	0	1	1	6
	Total		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
QUESTION 1		YES	610	675	674	534	2493
Do you approve a law allowing local licensing		NO	522	536	686	622	2366
authorities to issue licenses for food stores to		Blanks	52	52	88	50	242
sell wine.		**Total**	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
QUESTION 2		YES	413	417	419	483	1732
Do you approve a law allowing candidates for public		NO	654	741	866	612	2873
office to be nominated by more than one political		Blanks	117	105	163	111	496
party or political designation, to have their names		**Total**	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
appear on the ballot once for each nomination, and to							
have their votes counted separately for each							
nomination but then added together to determine the							
winner of the election.							
QUESTION 3		YES	587	586	669	625	2467
Do you approve a law that would allow licensed and		NO	468	584	638	463	2153
other authorized providers of child care in private		Blanks	129	93	141	118	481
homes under the state's subsidized child care		**Total**	1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
system to bargain collectively with the relevent							
state agencies about all terms and conditions							
of the provision of child care services under the							
state's child care assistance program and it's regulations.							

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OFFICE	CANDIDATE NAME		A	B	C	D	TOTAL
QUESTION 4 (Non Binding)		*Prec A & D*					
Shall the state represent representative from this		YES	614			692	1306
district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution		NO	398			347	745
calling upon the President and Congress of the		Blanks	172			167	339
United States to end the war in Iraq immediately		**Total**	1184			1206	2390
and bring all Unites States military forces home							
from Iraq.							
	Registered Voters	**PRECINCTS**	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
		Democrat	654	683	738	694	2769
		Republican	310	369	406	242	1327
		Unenrolled	1153	1283	1329	1176	4941
		Others	18	20	21	42	101
		TOTALS	2135	2355	2494	2154	9138
	Voted on 11/7/2006	**PRECINCTS**	A	B	C	D	TOTAL
	(56% Voted)		1184	1263	1448	1206	5101
Attest:							
William R. Barnett							
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